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Torres administration, Kilili give assurances to address CW issue

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Looking to help address the ongoing contract worker crisis, government officials offered assurances on their efforts to solve the issue but have not yet made public the details to these plans.

The administration of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres disclosed Friday that they are looking at options to address the "administration of the contract worker program" and to "seek options to incorporate" these into forthcoming 902 talks "in the next week or so" that will address the concerns with the renewals of contract worker employees in coming months that would otherwise be rejected by the federal government.

"We are working along with Congressman Gregorio Kilili Sablan and will incorporate this experience" into the 902 consultations with the White House "in the next couple of weeks," said the Torres administration, in a statement, when sought for comment by the *Saipan Tribune*.

Officials have been researching federal administrative procedure to

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Sexual abuse of minor charge against ex-DPS chief, ex-cop dismissed

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho issued an order on Friday, dismissing without prejudice the charge of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree each filed against former Department of Public Safety commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero and former police officer Jesse S. Concepcion.

Dismissal without prejudice means the Office of the Attorney General

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CNMI delegation joins FestPac in Guam

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

GUAM—It is a melting pot of culture at Guam's Chamorro Village as 27 island nations and territories convene for the 12th Festival of the Pacific Arts, or FestPac. The festival, which lasts two weeks, aims to unite artists and cultural practitioners from around the region.

According to organizers, it is known as one of the largest regional cultural events comprised of Pacific natives.

The event's theme, "What We Own, What We Have, What We Share, United Voices of the Pacific," is indicative of the many efforts being taken to improve people's respect and appreciation for diversity across the Pacific.

Residents from Saipan, Tinian, and Rota made up this year's delegation for the festival, which is hosted by the island of Guam after it won the bid in 2008.

The CNMI delegation brought local jew-

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THOMAS MANGLONA II
A Rapa Nui sculptor from Easter Island, a Chilean territory, carefully carves a traditional moia at the Festival of the Pacific Arts on Saturday. Inset, Tim San Nicholas from Rota poses for a photo under the Northern Mariana Islands hut with one of his crafts that he made for the 12th Festival of the Pacific Arts at Guam's Chamorro village.

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IN CNMI JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT COMPANY PROGRAM

Whimsical Wonders wins Company of the Year

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Saipan Southern High School's Whimsical Wonders won as Company of the Year and grabbed most of the awards in the CNMI Junior Achievement Company Program Spring 2016 competition.

SSHS's Whimsical Wonders received the perpetual trophy plus cash for winning the Company of the Year award during a banquet held at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret on Saturday.

» MHS' Blue Marianas Produxtions gets best product/ service award

Whimsical Wonders also bagged the Best at Trade Fair, Best Business Presentation, Best Commercial, and Best in Annual Report.

In the individual awards, members from Whimsical Wonders were the top awardees—Eliezha May Mendoza as President of the Year, Tiava To'Omata as Vice President of Human Resources, Myoungki Oh as Vice President of Production, and Thomas Joe Dela Cruz as Vice President of Public Relations.

Marianas High School's Blue Marianas Produxtions won the Best Product/Service award, while its member, Candice Aldan, received the Vice President of Finance award.

Mount Carmel High School's Knighteens' Justin Ocampo was awarded the Vice President of Marketing.

Whimsical Wonders' president Mendoza, in an interview, said she feels that all of their hard work was all worthwhile in the end and that she is thankful for everyone that contributed to their success as a company and as individuals.

Mendoza said Whimsical Wonders is a company that seeks to strengthen bonds between families and friends and to cater to the demands of children around the world.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Commonwealth Development Authority economic development analyst and Junior Achievement Program coordinator Carline B. Sablan, second from right, and CDA executive director Manuel A. Sablan, fifth from the left front, pose in a group photo with mentors and members of the Saipan Southern High School's Whimsical Wonders during the CNMI Junior Achievement Company Program Spring 2016 competition's banquet at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret on Saturday. Whimsical Wonders won the Company of the Year award and grabbed most of the awards.

"So what we did was we made our product, Bu-bu Bubbles," Mendoza said.

She said Bu-Bu Bubbles is a bubble-making kit that includes a paper bag filled with magical wand, specialized bubble solution and a container.

"So you can make big, gigantic bubbles with the use of our solution," Mendoza said.

She said one their members got the idea of bubble-making after seeing an event at the American Memorial Park in which big bubbles attracted a lot of people.

Commonwealth Development Authority economic development analyst and Junior Achievement program coordinator Carline B. Sablan said the program is designed for high school students and that it's now their fourth cycle after they started in the spring of 2012.

Sablan said it's a 12-week program for high school students.

"They learned everything from capitalization of the business by selling stocks to product conceptualization, election of officers and directors, conceptualizing the product or service, packaging, pricing, everything, sale all the way

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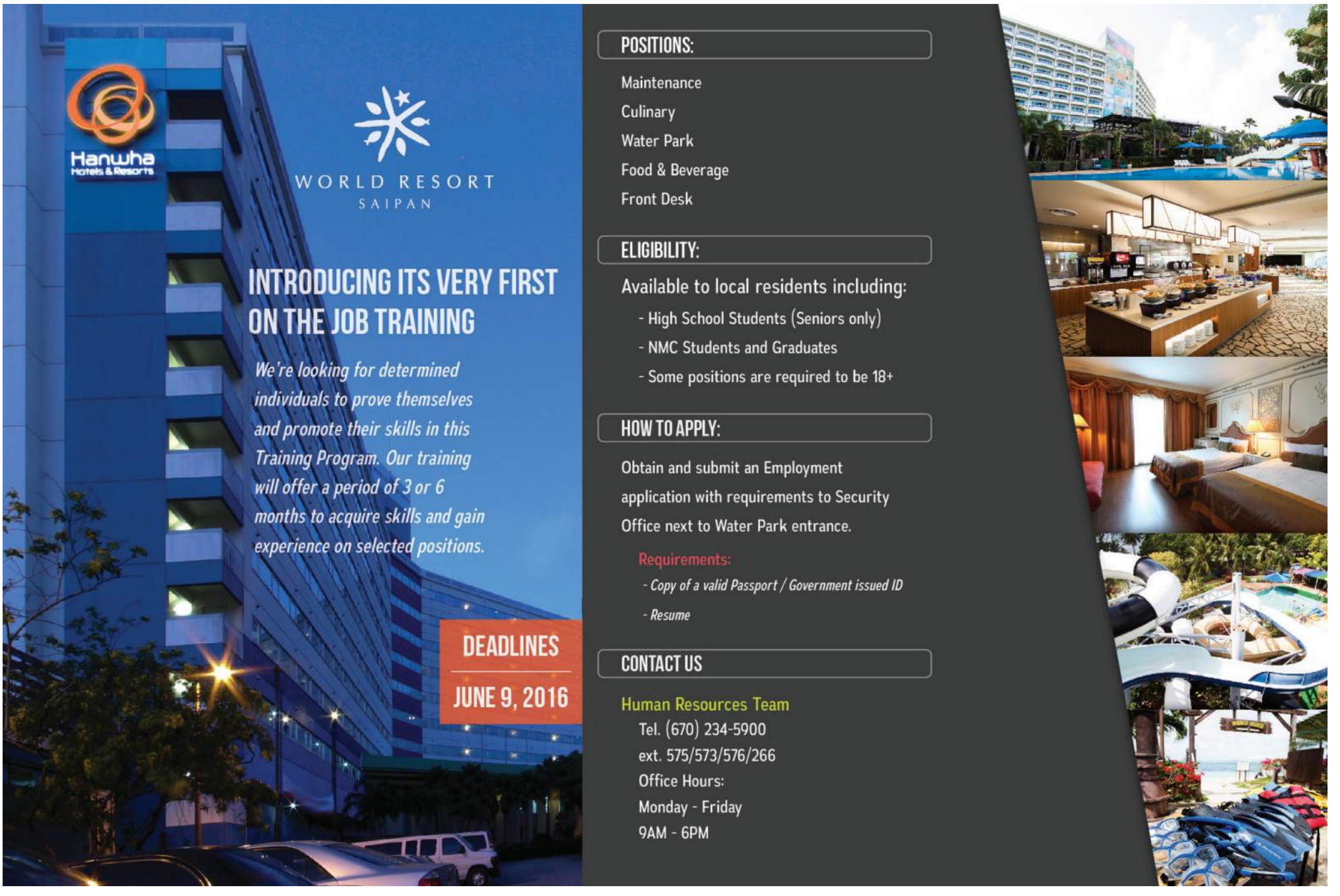
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BSI's Brown dubbed 'Ambassador of Saipan' by int'l investors

Best Sunshine International, Ltd. CEO Mark A. Brown has spared no effort in introducing Best Sunshine to global international investors in key financial centers around the globe from Hong Kong to New York.

Aaron Fischer from CLSA, Asia's leading equity broker and investment group, was eager to take up Brown's invitation and returned last week to witness the transformation of the island since his previous visit shortly after the exclusive gaming license was granted to Best Sunshine.

Looking at the magnificent design and luxurious services and other offerings at the temporary casino, Fischer said he was blown away by the transformation Best Sunshine has accomplished on Saipan with the billions of dollars in monthly rolling figures and the growing and deserving recognition by the local community earned from its multi-magnitude of work and contributions to the community.

Brown

"Mark is once again using his wealth of experience to perform what he did for Donald Trump and Sheldon Adelson with their casino empires on the island of Saipan. He is working his magic again and has been recognized in the investment community as a star ambassador introducing and promoting Saipan as the tourism destination for years to come."

Brown is currently on another trip updating global investment community about the revolution Best Sunshine brought into Saipan as well as recent business performances. This week, leading Asian investors based in Hong Kong met with Brown, as Best Sunshine partnered with Fischer's firm, CLSA, to organize key investors' face-to-face meetings in an investment conference in Hong Kong. Immediately thereafter, Brown will head to New York to join with CLSA's team there to promote Saipan and the project to North American potential investors.

After CLSA, Brown will join Jefferies, a well-respected and established investment bank based in New York, to make Saipan known among professional investment institutions. Brown will then be meeting more prospective investors in an investment conference held by Macquarie, a global investment banking group based in Sydney, Australia, to complete his two weeks' journey. By working with international investment banks, Brown strives to showcase the legend of Best Sunshine on Saipan to investors globally.

Brown said, "International investors have to know the gem of investment opportunities that Saipan has to offer. We have made additional large-scale investments in various forms of development and we welcome the investment community to be part of this revolution and to visit Saipan to see for themselves. Come, see, and believe." (***PR***)

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through marketing," she said.

Sablan said then in the end the students learned liquidating the company.

"And if the company was profitable, of course the shareholders get dividends," she said.

Sablan said the students started the company and ended up liquidating the company.

"They also put together an annual report, video commercial. They had business presentations and interview," she said.

Sablan said the presidents and vice presidents of the company were interviewed to determine the individual awards and the group awards.

She said this year they began with four students/companies, but they lost Kagman High School after the trade fair.

Sablan said Kagman High School had some challenges so they pulled out, but she is hoping to bring them on next year.

"Every year, every cycle it gets better. The competition is even greater. I'm very much happy to be part of this program and help coordinating it," she said.

CDA executive director

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Torres asks for prayers for untimely passing of Palauan voyager

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has expressed his condolences to the family of a deceased crewmember apart of one of the voyaging delegations visiting Guam for this year's Festival of the Pacific Arts.

Torres, in a statement, said he expresses his condolences—on behalf of the CNMI delegation—to the family of *Alingano Maisu* crewmember Murais Sebangiol. The *Maisu*, a Polynesian double-hulled voyaging canoe, and its crew graced Saipan with a visit this month amid other stops at Pacific islands on its sea voyage to Guam.

"I met Murais when master navigator Sesario Sewralur and his crew came to Saipan," said Torres in the statement.

"It was shocking to me personally to learn of his untimely passing. I ask the CNMI delegation to join me, Palau Community College president Patrick Tellei, and Sesario Sewralur, and many others in prayers for the wife and children of Murais," he said.

Palau Community College also expresses its deepest condolences to the family, relatives, and friends of the late Sebangiol.

Sebangiol was an employee of Palau Community College where he worked as a heavy equipment operator at the Maintenance Division. He began working at the college in 2008. Sebangiol was from the state of Melekeok, according to PCC in a statement.

During his time at PCC, Sebangiol joined the Non-Instrumental Navigation Program in order to learn about the traditional practices of seafaring without the use of modern instruments. Under the tutelage of Sewralur, Sebangiol and the other navigation students learned how to sail the oceans using traditional techniques such as analyzing wind conditions and navigating by the stars," the college said.

"Mr. Sebangiol was able to apply his traditional seafaring knowledge by joining the crew of the *Alingano Maisu* which began its journey from Palau to Guam in March of this year. The voyage was part of the 2016 Festival of Pacific Arts (FestPac2016).

As a crew member of the *Alingano Maisu*, Sebangiol spent the last two and half months sailing to the following islands: Ngulu, Woleai, Ifalik, Lomotrek, Satawal, West Fayu, Saipan, and Guam. He had reached the island of Guam in time for the opening ceremony only to meet his untimely passing.

"The Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, staff, and students of Palau Community College would like to recognize Mr. Sebangiol for his great achievement of sailing many miles to reach Guam. His presence will be greatly missed on the college campus, even more so by the crew members who had the opportunity to sail by his side," PCC said.

FestPac kicked off its 12th iteration with an opening ceremony two weeks ago in Guam that joined 250 delegations from across the Pacific to celebrate and share their cultures.

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may re-file the charges.

In an 18-page order, Camacho said he finds no probable cause as to the charge of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree as the Commonwealth failed to prove an essential element of the offense.

Camacho said in this case the prosecutors filed charges of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree that Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion committed in their specific capacity as police officers.

However, the judge said, at the April 22, 2016 and May 9, 2016 preliminary hearing the prosecutor failed to produce any evidence that the alleged victim knew Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion were police officers.

Camacho will issue a separate order(s) as to whether there is probable cause for misconduct in public office and conspiracy to commit sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree charges filed against the defendants.

Concepcion and Deleon Guerrero, through their counsel, have asserted an affirmative defense that they believed then that the girl they allegedly sexually abused at a beach site in San Antonio in June 2013 was not a minor.

The Office of the Attorney General charged Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion each with one count of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree, two counts of misconduct in public office, and two counts of conspiracy to commit sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree.

In his order, Camacho said to bind Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion over for trial, the Commonwealth must show probable cause that: in June 2013 on Saipan, the defendants, at the time over the age of 18, engaged in sexual penetration with the alleged victim, who was at the time under the age of 16, and that the defendants occupied a position of authority over her.

Camacho said the Commonwealth produced evidence that the incidents occurred on Saipan in June 2013 and that Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion, who were at the time over the age of 18, are the individuals that committed the charged offense.

Camacho said the Commonwealth produced evidence that the defendants engaged in sexual penetration with the alleged victim, who was at the time under the age of 16.

The judge, however, ruled that the Commonwealth failed to produce evidence that the defendants occupied a position of authority over the girl.

Camacho said Deleon Guerrero is being charged as though his position of authority over the girl is that of then-DPS commissioner.

Concepcion is being charged as though his position of authority over the girl is that of a then-DPS police officer.

Camacho said Federal Bureau of Investigation special agent Haejun Park testified that, at the time of the alleged incidents, Deleon Guerrero was the DPS commissioner.

Camacho said Attorney General's Investigation Division Investigator Vicente B. Babauta testified that, at the time of the alleged incidents, Concepcion was a Police Officer 3 at DPS.

Camacho said sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree requires that the defendant must "occupy a position of authority in relation to" the alleged victim.

Assistant attorney general Matthew Baisley argued that, although there is no evidence that the girl knew of Deleon Guerrero's position, that there is no requirement that the girl actually know of his position of authority.

In the alternative, Baisley argued at the May 9, 2016, hearing that Deleon Guerrero and Concepcion occupied a position substantially similar to a babysitter in relation to the girl.

Camacho said the Commonwealth is incorrect in its argument that there is no requirement that the alleged victim actually know of the position of authority that the defendant allegedly holds in relation to her.

Camacho said the law requires that the alleged victim know of a defendant's position of authority as it plays a large role in the harm that the Legislature sought to prevent by enacting the statute.

The judge cited that in the Commonwealth vs. Diaz case, the CNMI Supreme Court ruled that the test for determining whether a defendant occupied a position of authority "in relation to" the alleged victim is whether a "reasonable adolescent would have believed a defendant…had coercive power over him or her."

Camacho said since the Commonwealth put on absolutely no evidence showing that the alleged victim actually knew that Deleon Guerrero was the then-DPS commissioner, there is no evidence to indicate that a reasonable adolescent would have viewed Deleon Guerrero as having "coercive power" over her.

Camacho said for Deleon Guerrero to exercise any coercive power over the alleged victim by virtue of his position in law enforcement, the alleged victim would have to actually know his position.

Camacho said it is of course possible for a law enforcement officer to use his position to exercise coercive control over a minor victim.

Camacho said since the alleged victim did not know that Deleon Guerrero was the then-DPS commissioner, then there was no coercion based on his position.

Camacho said if the alleged victim did not know that Deleon Guerrero was the DPS Commissioner then there is no probable cause for the essential element that Deleon Guerrero occupies a position of authority in relation to her.

Camacho said if she did not herself know of the position of authority then it was not possible for Deleon Guerrero to use his position of authority to coerce her into sexual contact.

Camacho said if sex did occur (for the purpose of this probable cause determination), it was not based on the defendant's position at DPS.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

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see what they can request from federal immigration officials, or the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, which two weeks ago had announced they had received a number of contract worker applicants to meet their cap of 12,999 workers allowed to work in the CNMI this year.

Delegate Sablan, for his part, in his newsletter on Saturday and on his Facebook page, said that "Commonwealth officials, stakeholders, and I have been working toward agreement on a long-term solution for immigration."

Sablan noted that USCIS has announced they are near the limit of 12,999 CW permits for foreign workers and no more applications will be accepted for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2016. And that employers who submitted applications 180 days in advance, as USCIS advises, are not affected.

"An unknown number of workers with permits expiring before Sept. 30 could have to leave, however," he said. "A likely cause of the CW shortage is the use of the permits for construction workers, who could be eligible for the unlimited H-2B visa. The Commonwealth government estimates as many as 3,400 CW permits could be converted to H-2Bs."

"This is the first time the CW cap has been reached and there is no easy fix. I traveled to California in January to get things moving, when CW applications backlogged at the processing center there; and I will do everything now to get us through this current crisis and eventually reach a permanent solution," Sablan said in his newsletter Saturday.

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elry, traditional arts and crafts, and several dance performances to the celebration.

Rota craftsman Tim San Nicholas told *Saipan Tribune* that dancers from Saipan electrified the crowd during their performances on FestPac grounds throughout the week.

"We were so welcomed by the people of Guam from the airport all the way to our lodging and transportation," he added. "On behalf of the delegates, we wish to thank also our CNMI leaders who helped us to participate in his special event."

Like many others, San Nicholas views the festival as a prime time to showcase the rich and unique culture of his island home.

"We are promoting our traditional arts and some of our traditional crafts like carvings and canoes. This is educational for the next generation," he explained.

For San Nicholas, the festivities offer a time to discuss preservation and conservation as well. That conversation, he said, must be taken to the next level.

"We need to have a major campaign to increase the multiplication of what we have in the ocean…if we continue to harvest and ignore replenishment, there would be nothing available in the future," he said. "If we only preserve and protect and we do not increase, what will be left?"

With the congregation of diverse cultures on festival grounds, he noted that cultural connections have also been made.

"I believe that we are interrelated with everything that we have," he said. " I believe that whatever I can showcase here and the people from other nations of Micronesia, we have some relationship with what we are providing here."

The more than 2,000 delegates participating in the revelry come from 27 pacific island countries and territories, namely American Samoa, Australia, Cook Islands, Easter Island, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji Islands, French Polynesia, Guam, Hawaii, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Norfolk Island, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Pitcairn Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, and Wallis and Futuna.

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Manuel A. Sablan said he hopes the 12-week experience with the Junior Achievement Program has given participants some exposure and appreciation of the actual business world and business and financial acumen required to get into business if they choose to pursue that objective in the future.

"CDA would be honored to have you knock at our doors for financial assistance to start up your business or technical assistance you may need to set up one," said Sablan in his closing remarks.

For Whimsical Wonders, Hyatt Regency Saipan's Tyrell Pauling and Denise Montenegro and Pacifica Insurance Underwriters' Gederryn Domingo and Sidney Quan served as business mentors. Jonathan Aguon and Karen Echon served as teacher mentors.

For Marianas High School's Blue Marianas Produxtions, IT&E's Velma Palacios, Veronica Acosta, Shirley Dotts, and Natasha Tomokane served as business mentors. Marizel Hiponia and Jeaniffer Cubangbang served as teacher mentors.

For Mount Carmel's Knighteens, Tan Holdings' Alex Sablan served as business mentor, while Luz Baldazo served as teacher mentor.

Best Sunshine Live sponsored the banquet. The gold sponsors were Tan Holdings, IT&E, Hyatt Regency, Bank of Hawaii, and Pacifica Insurance Underwriters Inc.

Saipan Chamber of Commerce was the silver sponsor, while the Northern Marianas College was the bronze sponsor.

Lawyers to offer legal opinion on CW-1 cap issue

Lawyers Mark Scoggins and James Sirok will be offering their respective legal opinions on the CW-1 issue that would affect the lives of thousands of contract workers and their families. The forum is set on Tuesday, May 31, at the Chinese Association of Saipan office in China Town.

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services announced last May 21 that they already reached the 12,999 CW-1 cap for the fiscal year and would reject all the applications they had received after the May 5, 2016 deadline including renewals of all current local contract workers.

CW-1 or the CNMI-only transitional worker status allows employers in the Commonwealth to hire foreign, non-immigrant workers that is renewable every year. The program gives the employers ample time to train the local workforce before the transition period ends in 2019.

The issue is a major concern for the CNMI as it employs more than 10,000 foreign workers mostly in the hotel and tourism industry. The economy is also in the upswing with a number of major investors coming in.

The two lawyers would explain what would happen in the future of the CW-1 regulatory policy with many in the business community seeing the 2019 deadline posing an imminent problem.

The forum is free with both lawyers also not charging for their services. They would help the affected parties further understand the program in preparation for the 2019 end of transition period.

The forum is open to everybody and other lawyers are welcome to join and offer their own legal opinions. ***(Jon Perez)***

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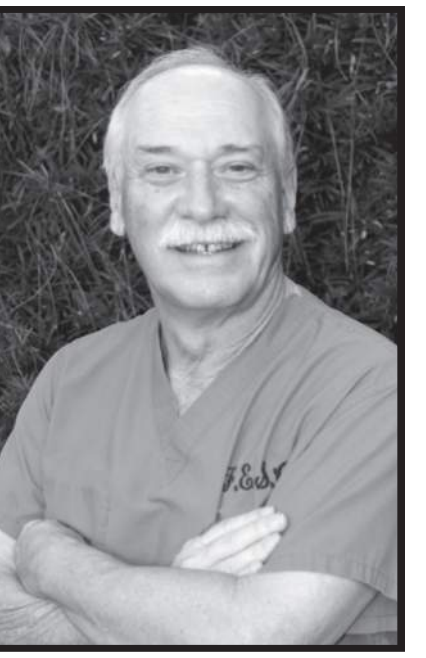

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NMI Academic Bowl team hopes to win national title

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JON PEREZ
Grace Christian Academy team members and coaches are excited in getting the chance to represent the CNMI in the National Academic Championship in Washington, D.C.

JON PEREZ
Grace Christian Academy team members proudly show off their T-shirts for the 2016 National Academic Championship that will be held in the nation's capital.

Team CNMI is hoping to bring the National Academic Championship title home to Saipan. The five-member squad from Grace Christian Academy, however, admits they are in for a tough time against the best middle schools in the country.

"We are hoping to win," said Lanz Jabez Victoria. "But we will try our best," added team captain Hyunjin Noh. "We prepared hard for this just like every other competing teams, we know," ended Elijah Joshua Pajarillaga. Arvin Dayao and Miku Kimura are the other members of the squad.

This is the first time that the CNMI got invited to the annual competition in Washington ,D.C. with GCA earning the right to represent the Commonwealth after winning the Academic Bowl Challenge early this year.

"We really did not expect to be invited and compete in the nationals. Once we learn that we're going we felt excited for the opportunity. We will represent the CNMI well," said Noh.

"Their practice was continuous even before the Academic Bowl. This is the first time that a team from the CNMI got invited in the nationals after we qualified for winning last January. So it has been four months of non-stop reviewing of questions from various subjects," said GCA vice principal Susan Pajarillaga.

The members of the team were the Top 5 when GCA held a school-wide exam for the composition of their squad in the Academic Bowl on Saipan. Each has their own particular subject where they excel in.

Dayao and Kimura are in charge of providing answers in English and science subjects Noh, who is also a member of the CNMI MathCourt team that competed in San Francisco early this year, is also in charge of the current events questions. Pajarillaga will take care of arts and sports, while Victoria will be responsible for history and geography.

"They always have fun with our study sessions but they also make it a point to be serious with their reviews. They like to argue a lot just to prove a point, but that is all part of our study sessions," said Pajarillaga.

"We even bought a reviewer just to give them an idea of what to expect in the national competition. There are four rounds, the warm up, bonus, 60 seconds, and stump the experts," she added.

"We really thank the Lord for giving the chance for these talented kids to compete. We give back all the glory to Him."

The team along with Pajarillaga and coach Genesis Prieto will leave tomorrow. They will take a United Airlines flight to Guam and from there will go to Honolulu, San Francisco, Chicago, and D.C. They will also visit major landmarks in Washington, D.C. like the Library of Congress.

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IN ANOTHER SEXUAL ABUSE OF MINOR CASE:

Probable cause found to charge registered sex offender

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho has found probable cause to charge registered sex offender Nathan Iano Narcis on allegations that he sexually abused a 7-year-old girl at a residence on Rota.

At a preliminary hearing on Friday, Camacho found probable cause to charge the 31-year-old Narcis with sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree and disturbing the peace.

Camacho ordered Narcis, also known as Nate Dawg, to answer the charges.

Camacho, however, dismissed without prejudice the charge of assault and battery.

Dismissal without prejudice means the government may re-file the charge.

The judge said the crime of assault and battery is a lesser charge included in a sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree, therefore no probable cause was found.

Arraignment will be on June 6 at 9am.

Narcis was remanded to the Department of Corrections.

Assistant attorney general Shannon Foley appeared for the government. Chief public defender Douglas Hartig served as counsel for Narcis.

Camacho earlier imposed a $100,000 cash bail.

Rota Police Detective Tito S. Hocog II stated in his report that police arrested Narcis last May 21 at 11pm after the girl's mother contacted Rota Department of Public Safety to file a complaint of child molestation against Narcis.

Hocog said the mother learned about the incident that night after her daughter went to her, looking scared and with a shivering voice.

The girl told her mother that Lizama touched her private part.

Hocog said Narcis is a registered sex offender after he was convicted with sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree in 2008.

Hocog said as a registered sex offender, Narcis is prohibited to be anywhere with minors.

Narcis is a community worker at the Rota Municipal Council. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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NMC shares new building renovation, repair financing plans with lawmakers

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The Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation and the Northern Marianas College met Thursday to discuss updates to repairs to a college campus devastated from last year's Typhoon Soudelor and the funding that the delegation had provided to help in these repairs last year.

That $1.2 million appropriated by the local delegation last October has not yet been turned over to the college by the administration of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and his Finance department.

NMC board of regent chair Frank Rabauliman said, during discussion on the issue, that all the delays in transferring of money was unfortunate but indicated this was based on "miscommunications."

NMC acting president David Attao, for his part, said "they heard they needed things" from Office of Management and Budget and Finance on steps to get the funding transferred over to them.

Rep. Antonio Sablan (Ind-Saipan) appeared disappointed by the slow transfer of funds as did other lawmakers. He stressed that the local public law last year was "very basic" in who the funds would be transferred to and who would be expenditure authority.

"I am really curious to find out why it is so difficult to make this money available to college," Sablan said, noting that appropriations made from other local laws after the NMC funding was appropriated had "been made available and has been expended" and that for these "money has already been tapped."

"I don't think there is anything in this public law that would make this funding so difficult to be available to the college…The law is very basic," he said.

Sen. Justo Quitugua (Ind-Saipan) noted that it's been seven months since the local law appropriated the funds.

"We are talking about an urgent situation," he said, noting that materials exposed to rain and sun may cost more to repair.

Sen. Arnold Palacios (R-Saipan) hoped that in the next day or so NMC got the $1.2 million that delegation appropriated in days deliberation last year. "I am a little bit dismayed but we need to move forward. I hope the secretary of Finance covers over the funds to the college."

» Debt service eyed for new facility

The lawmakers and college also discussed ways to improve the decades-old campus in As Terlaje.

The discussion included topics of debt financing inclusive of charging additional fees to college students to help the college build a new facility.

"The college has been working very carefully with the delegation and the government and we are trying our best since last year to build the facility so the students can have somewhere safer and better to attend. And we can run our college the normally way we do," Attao told reporters after the meeting. "Fortunately, SNILD has supported us with $1.2 million in funds that we haven't yet been able to access but now the secretary of Finance and we are in communication on how exactly to approach that. And we are hoping to get that soon."

Attao said the $4.5 million for repairs is what the college has worked with is the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the governor to help pay for the expenses on a reimbursement basis for facilities that were damaged by Typhoon Soudelor.

The NMC board in their last meeting voted to go into an "Alternative Pilot" project, Attao said, where he said they could "repair small things and save up the rest up of the money towards a [new] facility."

We are going to repair what we can the small parts and take the rest of the money and try to build a new facility for the students, which is roughly 14 new classrooms, a student center, and student cafeteria… But in order to do that we have funds upfront to pay for that. And we don't have that right now so that's the reasons why we are trying to develop the mechanisms that we've been researching to do so," he said, acknowledging that one of them was debt service, when asked.

He said one, they'd need authorization from the Legislature to go into debt, and secondly, find funding to serve as collateral, and third, find a mechanism to pay for that.

Asked to clarify a statement he made about first implementing a "fee this Fall [semester]" to "collect $200,000 a year and take a loan in that amount" during the discussion with SNILD, Attao said he just gave that number as an example.

"It could be $10, it could be $1,000, it's not set in stone, and it's what we can afford. We are not trying to spend anymore than we can afford. And we don't want to burden the students in the long run too.

"Minimum. Not too much," he also said when asked about the rates charged on student fees.

"It's for their benefit and it's for the future of the CNMI… The students and the community really deserve new facilities at NMC. We deserve that as a whole because that's what we've been pushing for the longest time—people before me, regents before us. We are the group that is making it happen now."

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CUC employee arrested for sexual abuse of a minor girl

A Commonwealth Utilities Corp. employee was arrested on Thursday for allegedly sexually abusing a 10-year-old girl on Saipan.

Sean Raboy Mendiola, 25, was arrested for sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

At a hearing on Friday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho imposed a $26,250 cash bail and set the preliminary hearing for June 6 at 9am.

Chief public defender Douglas Hartig was appointed as counsel for Mendiola. Assistant attorney general Emily Cohen appeared for the government.

Police Detective Dee Liza Udui stated in her report that the Department of Public Safety dispatcher received a call on Thursday morning from a woman who reported that her 10-year-old daughter was sexually abused.

Udui said the mother told police that during their argument, Mendiola started crying and asking for forgiveness that he touched the private parts of her daughter.

Udui said during an interview with the officer, Mendiola confessed that last March he touched the girl's private parts and that he felt guilty.

Udui said the girl told police how Mendiola touched her private parts and that she was so scared to tell her mother. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Programs set to curb NMI teen pregnancy

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The Commonwealth Health Center Corp. has programs set to curb teen pregnancy in the CNMI. This is under the Family Planning Program of the Maternal and Child Health Bureau.

Project coordinator Irene Barrineau revealed that the CNMI has a higher teen pregnancy rate than the national level citing data released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Barrineau said based on what CDC had gathered that 24.2 percent of every 1,000 live births in 2014 are from mothers 15 to 19 years old. The CNMI has 41.3 percent.

"That's why we have programs to help lessen teen pregnancy here in the CNMI. Teen pregnancy prevention education is also part of it. The Public School System has their own sex education program but we also help in providing information," said Barrineau.

"We always keep track of this information since it is part of the report that we submit as a requirement to our federal grantors. We also offer free counseling for teen mothers," added MCHB project coordinator Heather Pangelinan.

Barrineau said they also assist the PSS in providing information on the issue of teen pregnancy and what programs they offer. "We usually go out to different high schools providing information on our programs. We talk about abstinence or practice safe sex."

She added that it may look awkward or weird but they also encourage parents to talk to their teenage sons or daughters. "They could also talk to us as long as they would come here with a trusted adult. Or if they could come here on their own so we could answer their questions."

Barrineau said they accept all insurance, Medicaid, or private healthcare provider. "There are also income guidelines if they fall on the Federal poverty rate. Since most teenagers are uninsured, they can also not pay for the services."

The family planning program has contraceptives not only intended for couples but also for teen moms to further prevent unwanted pregnancies.

Barrineau added that the CNMI also has a 66-percent rate for unplanned pregnancies compared to the 51 percent at the national level based on a separate report.

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How to take advantage of a Taliban leader's death

The death of Afghan Taliban leader Akhtar Mohammad Mansour in a U.S. drone strike could provide an opening for progress toward peace — if Afghan government leaders use the opportunity wisely.

The Taliban itself cannot be expected to sue for peace, especially given its recent battlefield gains. On the contrary, in the immediate aftermath of Mansour's death, infighting may only lead to more conflict as local commanders seek to expand their turf. The government's chances of finding a single interlocutor who can speak for the entire movement — and is willing to talk about peace — are close to nil.

But while the Taliban focuses inward, the Afghan government can use the time to solve its own problems and present the people with a credible, unified alternative. Interminable jockeying between President Ashraf Ghani and his deputy Abdullah Abdullah has cost the government legitimacy and focus. Efforts to combat corruption have suffered; top ministerial posts have been given over to caretakers for months or left unfilled.

The two sides need to agree on much-delayed reforms to the voting process, hold parliamentary elections and amend the constitution to institutionalize the current power-sharing agreement. Meanwhile, the government would be smart to clarify the relationships it's building with local warlords, so as not to engender the kind of free-for-all civil war that engulfed the country after the Soviet withdrawal.

Outside countries can help, beginning with the U.S. As early as next week, American military commanders are expected to recommend keeping some 10,000 troops in Afghanistan, rather than cutting that number by half as planned late last year. It's the right move, because the troops are critical to training and — if their rules of engagement are widened — providing air and logistical support for the Afghan army. With Barack Obama's presidency coming to an end, it's also important to signal that the next commander in chief will enter office with options.

Pakistan, for its part, could use this moment to reconsider its role in prolonging the Afghan insurgency. By any measure, that policy has failed; it has alienated potential friends in Kabul and Washington without visibly improving Pakistan's strategic position or economic prospects. Mansour, despite his reported ties to the Pakistani military, repeatedly balked at pressure to engage in talks with Afghan leaders. Rather than seek a more amenable successor, Pakistan should finally close down the safe havens it has long provided to Taliban factions.

China, Pakistan's biggest benefactor, is in a good position to drive this point home: Stability in the region would benefit Pakistan far more than continued conflict can. There's an opening now for everyone to start working toward peace.

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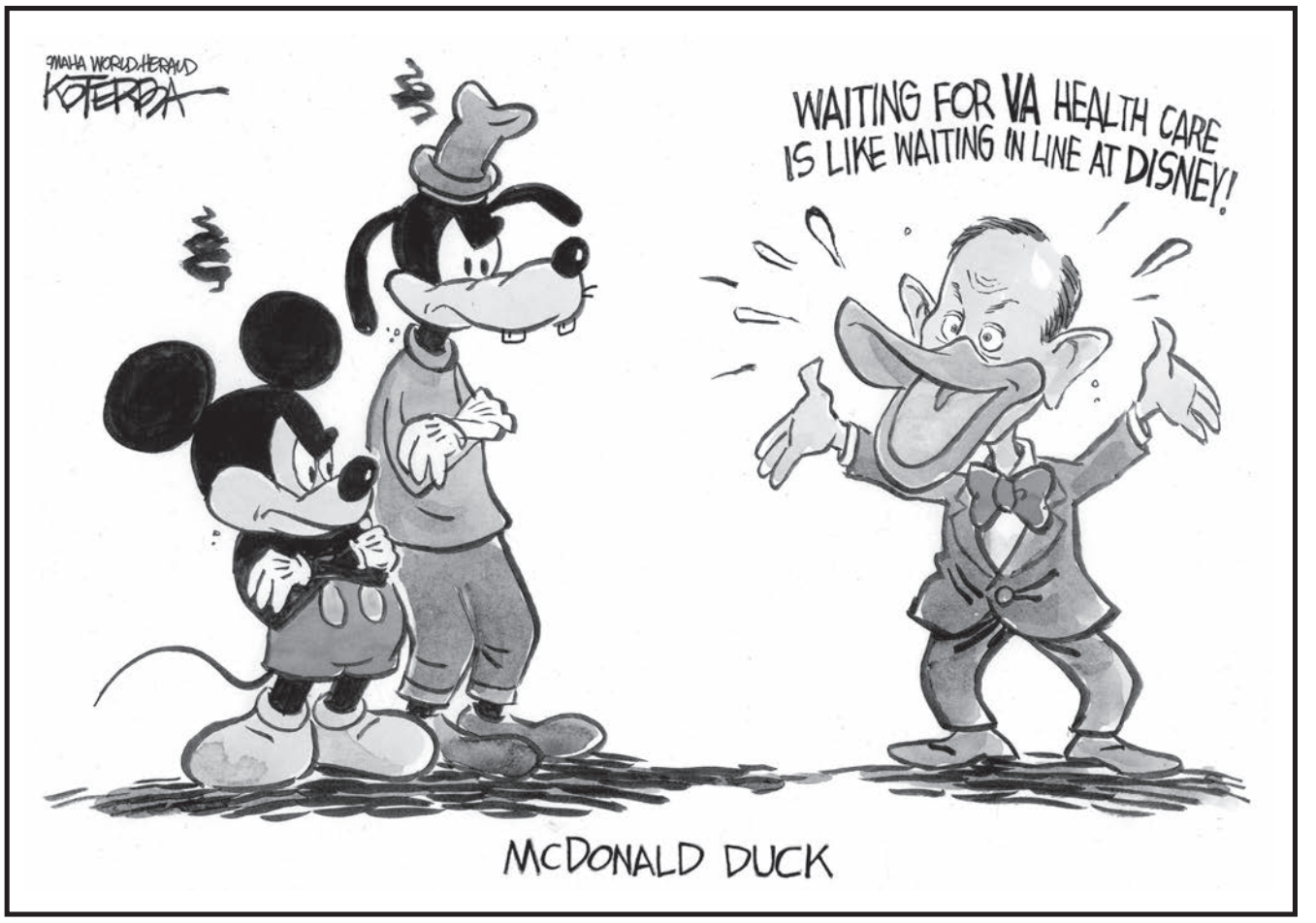

In memoriam

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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We see Memorial Day memories' posters with a friend beaming in a Del Benson photo. My students thought he was my brother. Lino Olopai is the closest "brother" I have on island, by propensity and intention! His photo graced Memorial Day posters at PSS. We may become neighbors. I hope to move out of Finasisu by the NM College soon, as the knees no longer could countenance the walk back up hill from the lagoon.

Memorial Day remembers those who died in the service of the country. It merged the two previously separate Confederate and Union observances of bringing flowers and flags to the graves of fallen soldiers.

The U.S. has terms like the Jubilee Day after the Revolutionary War, first memorialized on the last Monday of May in 1783 to the analogous observance Down Under on April every year. We also have Remembrance, Armistice, Veterans, Heroes, and Patriot Days do deal with memories, even as Volkstrauertag (People's Mourning) has been observed in Germany since 1919. The CNMI is a natural AMP!

I received a copy of a colleague mother's memorial celebration program recently. She was 101 when she sounded "taps." She reminds me of my 95-year-old mother pining time away at a Honolulu hospice. Memorial Day commemorates those who gave their lives to their country in military arms; perhaps, we might also let the memory of other productive arms, particularly those of Mamas, be worth the memory. "Memorial" is now a word with a wider meaning more than recalling the death of warriors in battle!

In a tree stump by the athletic field of NMC by Apa Road is a wreath at a spot where an early morning accident occurred that took two lives. In memoriam is appropriate for the spot as every life snuffed at its prime, gender and age notwithstanding, is worth the memory. That someone deems it worth the flowers to mark the spot is a heritage born out of a refined sense of finite life and the profound depth of terminus.

Memorial Day signals the start of summer as Labor Day marks its end in September, the latter being the onset of fall when children return to school. The CNMI follows the same schedule, in tune with mainland educational rhythm. Post-high school scholars go off-island to college on the same schedule. Never mind that the percentage of those who attend post-HS is a minority to the whole.

But life is probably what Memorial Day should best signify now that the theme of death and rebirth has joined the commemoration, rather than just the memory of those who died serving their country. If spring brings new life after the winter cold, then summer is the fullness of adulthood in bloom. Memorial Day marks the first day of summer!

I remember heading for Paris late '70s in August when all the northern France workers head for Nice, the professional middle class to Marseilles, and the sockless cardigans to Corsica, peopling the western gulf of the Mediterranean for four weeks, leaving the Arabs and the Africans to mind the shops at Montmartre. It was eerie in a perverse sense as "foreigners" took over the City of Lights. And damn expensive! I planned for a weeklong walking tour along the Eiffel Tower and the Louvre; I lasted two days before the francs ran out.

August was France's holiday, the apex of summer, where the price of Avignon wine was higher than normal. Of course, sniffing the cork is a French pastime, and Gaul has the nose for it. My proletarian Portuguese porto needed no nose and sniff.

For some of us, the summer is a hustle. Regular teachers engage in income-generating jobs to fill in the purse, and sub-teachers like me try to remain solvent pinching pennies to survive.

Liberation festivities is a good way to start summer, though we are told that the day was a release from confinement imposed on the locals after WWII when indigenes were lumped with WWII combatants before being released "out of barracks." Regardless, with the hoopla of a parade, and the young beauties emptying the shop of the least intrusive but effective cover-up mascara and Victoria Secrets in the market, this is still liberation.

In the tropics, summer hosts the least active time of the year. Folks sit in their verandas or under a tree and fan themselves to siesta. We live in an island where the breeze carries the heat offshore and the weather stays comfortable all year round, even in the wet. So fanning is for hiding the gossip and toning down the ladies' giggles.

Public functionaries are expected to be inactive this time of the year, even as some in government manage to find ways of doing the same all year round, I am told. (Not funny but a good joke.)

The local dailies carry "memorials" all year round. There is promise of new life in the bye-and-bye in the current metaphor. Having given up the metaphor of sky-bound spirituality, I find in an archaic language of memorials, and a beaming Lino in Memorial Day posters, a liberated defiance from finitude. We will keep the defiance, thank you, and upgrade the metaphor.

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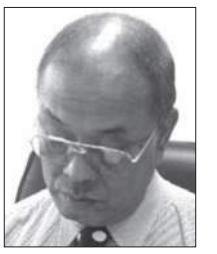

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George Koch, an 80-year-old multi-billionaire from New York was asked when would he hang-up his gloves. He said that like writers who write until old age his goal continues to be focused on improving the lot of others with services he provides. Admirable!

Writing is a calling and I will scribble until the allure of the grand and colorful sunset irresistibly beckons my taking the final leg of this long fruitful journey. For now, it's business as usual of praying, reading, writing, writing, and more writing in both languages! There's a lot more to talk and write about in straightforward and congenial fashion or trail blaze issues in the name of justice for "we the people!"

What we write and leave behind turns into history or issues to remember events that were on the forefront during the last six decades. I've been privileged to see major local and regional events as a journalist for 40 plus years.

Through it all, I found myself sandwiched between neo-colonialism and my own cultural tradition. In the midst of impositions our people had the resiliency to adapt in order to survive. At least they've hung unto the skirt of cultural tradition amidst the low-spirited resolve clinging to one another in silence. I was revolting asking: need it be this way moving forward? Equally wary too that it takes a process, a protracted process, building upon meaningful self-rule.

If anything, the stealth imposition of the "ways of others" had us questioning the essence of the self to the extent where contradiction and inconsistency have fearfully become a cultural fad. We want to retain what we have while simultaneously spouting for greater self-rule. Or is it a slow awakening that there are better days ahead thus the spouts of embryonic discontentment?

We had up to 1975 to partake in the Micronesian island nation-building plan. But it was also the same year President Ford signed the Covenant Agreement. It dashed all personal hope and vision of joining a larger island community.

Occasionally, some would engage verbal bravura about indigenous rights hoping to navigate conflicting impositions against the self since after the war. The agenda, though wrapped in the trappings of a vision disintegrates in disorientation, time and again. To foster stability on an issue we treat with wobbly knees, it begins with what's known as "decolonizing" the mind. And it requires almost a religious conviction on that long journey to a brighter tomorrow!

The current arrangement grants time and opportunity for the political process to evolve into maturity. It would eventually present a firm ground to discuss and dispose of the future of the indigenous people with some semblance of sober disposition.

It entails a process—a long journey—to bring home the message coming to terms with the self. Be ready to sink your teeth into it lest it turns into another dismissive mañana.

Well, we should wade in the water momentarily and pray for high tidal shift soon before heading to safe port. Show of incompetency makes the NMI fertile ground for corruption and gradual federal takeover. Self-government definitely requires competency! It's all in the palm of our hands!

A-bomb: The one issue I haven't been able to fathom was the thermonuclear hydrogen-bomb experiment in Bikini on March of 1954. I spent about two weeks in Rongelap, Utirik, and Bikini with the atomic energy commission in the examination of the folks adversely affected by radiation. The rate of problematic thyroid issues is 20 percent above national average.

I can't imagine the instant disappearance of an entire island, death and fatal deterioration in the health of the islanders critically affected before their relocation. Need they be made into human guinea pigs?

I remember the entire island on Rongelap and Utirik standing on the shore waving adios as the LCU pulled out. I left with a heavy heart knowing most would develop fatal thyroid disorder and must deal with it in the best way they know how for life. To this day I still ponder upon the permanent destruction of a way of life all for the wont of finding out the strength of the A-bomb. Hell, the deserts of California, Texas and Arizona are just as good a venue than Bikini!

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Noumea, New Caledonia, land of the Kanaks or indigenous people troubled my usually sober mind in the relationship between an arrogant colonial power and locals. Returning from a grocery store one evening, I saw an old lady exit a tin shack behind a huge two-story palatial home. I asked her what's the shack about. She said that it's her home after hours as a maid. Hmmm! It must be a modern version of slave-master relationship. Troubling!

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Historic: It was in 1978 when our constitutional government was established. There were pillars that navigated the inception of self-government. The formative years were filled with excitement mired even in the prolonged feud over the definition of a "unified" budget. I was there and watched the historic lowering of the curtain, so to speak.

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My presidential candidate Hilary Clinton is working two primaries: the Democratic Party and the FBI. With a sordid history of lies, maybe she won't lose the former but could easily crash land on a fatal reef in the latter. Hilary is the representation of Washington decadence. If she fails the FBI primary, would democrats field the sentimental favorite Joe Biden or the more substantive John Kerry?

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Indeed, I've focused absorbing the lessons of history where I've gathered sufficient contemporary credentials of island communities north and south of the equator. Indeed, it was a memorable journey though not done yet.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Moment of truth

I began writing about CNMI guest workers in 2007. The following year, I became more active even leading United Workers Movement, an organization devoted to fighting for guest workers' rights in the CNMI and to helping workers get an improved status. Almost 10 years later, the status of the guest workers is still uncertain. The U.S. federal government has done nothing to help the thousands of legal and long staying workers, not even to adjust the CW cap considering that CNMI now has big investors like Best Sunshine. The effect of the unstable status of the guest workers is not only felt by the guest workers themselves but more so by the business establishments. What do you think the effect of this is to the overall economy of the CNMI? I hear people say it is now considered a crisis. The business sector is panicking and investors "cannot sleep" because of the unsecured supply of labor. At this point, I really don't care what other people say. The truth is that CNMI needs guest workers. It is still true until today and it will be the case for years to come.

Our story does not change from way back to today. We do not need a temporary solution. We need a permanent solution. We need a permanent status or residency for all the qualified guest workers to be able to sustain the economic growth.

Personally, I believe that more than the issue of labor is the humanitarian side of this. How about the separation of families, the impact on the livelihood of families, etc.?

To the guest workers, business people and government are already talking about the issue of CW cap shortage. I believe that this is the opportune time to ask again the federal government to give you a permanent status so you don't have to worry on whether you will still have a job the next time you renew your CW visa. These islands need you to make its economy work. You deserve a better deal.

Irene Nepomuceno
Puerto Rico

This stinks

I got a call from my Chinese stepdaughter yesterday. She has been employed at Best Sunshine as a VIP hostess. Now, she says, she will have to return to China on June 7.

But it's not just her; it's hundreds of other CWs who will have to go back to their native lands. And then what?

Best Sunshine will definitely feel the hit, as well as many smaller businesses, as the USCIS turns a blind eye to the economic havoc they are wreaking. The casino may have to close without enough people to run it. And what of the hotel that is being built in Garapan?

Most of us assumed the cut-off date was 2019, but now it's three years sooner. Why? What was the USCIS thinking? They know perfectly well there aren't enough U.S. citizens to fill all of the vacancies—so why do this? They are stabbing the CNMI in the back.

Would it be possible for a federal judge to issue an injunction in order to protect the workers we so desperately need? That they may stay and work here until 2019?

I don't know the law, or politics, but I do know this: the daughter I love is going back to China in a few days. This stinks.

Russ Mason
West As Teo

No one is above the law; no one is below the law

Dibina, dibina. Hafa mas tadkilo ki (Que) i Torren Babel (Tower of Babel in Babylon) giya Babiloña? I Hekso Ararat (Mt. Ararat) giya Turkey? I Hekso Everest (Mt. Everest) giya Nepal? Puro esti siha kininprende ginin i leblon geografia (geography). Bueno. Magahet na esti siha na hokso (montaña osino sierra) man sen tadkilo. Man tadkiloña ki i mapagahes siha. Lau para hita nai, memegaiña ha nai malofan i haane ya ti matto gi hinasotta hafa mas tadkilo ki i Torren Babel giya Babiloña. Gaige ha na man hihita ha mo'na todo i tiempo. Ensegidas de guaha hafa na achaki ni ti otdinario, ta falaggui ayu. Ayu i ta falalagui yangin guaha achaki, guiya yuhi i LAI. Et dicho. Taya mas tadkilo ki i LAI (Law). Para hita, debe de ta po'lu gi iya hululu gi linalata i LAI ki ni hafafa ha, sa i LAI ni finatinasta para i trinangkilidadta gi sengson. I Constitution, i Covenant, i lai siha ni finatinas i Legislature, i decision siha ginen i Kotte, i otden siha ginen i Administration, areglamento siha ginen i depattamenton gobietno siha, etc. Todos esti siha puro LAI (LAW). Debe de u ta dalalaki i finatinasta LAI ya mungnga hit na hita pa'gu fagas pachot i otro siha na rasan taotao. "Matachong ha i Governor niha yan i Lieutenant Governor niha sin ma bota." Hafa ennao na klase? Gomobernadot ha sin ma bota? Chechu Dictator. Usurpation of the Plebiscite and the Constitutional mandate. Ti pot enau ha. Taya taotao tadkiloña ki i LAI, tad komo i dictator as Stalin, i Emperador as Napoleon, si Tito, si Ceausescu, etc. Taya lokue taotao tagpapaña ki i LAI, tai direcho, tad komo i antis na Negro giya America (Slave), i famalau'an giya Arabia. I taotao siha giya Iran. yan Syria, Myanmar (Burma), Thailand, etc. Yangin ta respeta ya ta osgi masea hafa na LAI, siempre man acha pareho hit ha yan i otro prohimo. Mungnga hit man man aligao empeño ni para u tafan escarin sa pot ilegna si amigo na taya guaha, ta soda'e ha chalan para tana ligat (legalize) pat rason. Senor Honorable na Governador Torres. Amo, ti taiguenao enao. Governador hao, lau guaha lai ni sina gineddi hau. Guaha chiña esti i masusesede pa'gu. NO ONE IS ABOVE THE LAW. NO ONE IS BELOW THE LAW. If there is a special election law that is applicable to your situation, then let's cure the situation. Call the special election. Why is there a delay? How does the Writ of Mandamus sound? And the CQ? Hagu i et mas tadkilo na magas mame, lau en primet lugat, hagu finenana ti para un osgi i LAI ni finatinasta. Seguro yu na guaha man nae fadso na abiso. Tagu i Election Commission na uma prepara i balotu. Dos ha na taotao para u ma bota gi Special Election. Hagu yan si Honorable Hocog. Taya otro. Hafa minapotña enau? I TITULO TI DIBATDE. Kau ma yulang i telefon? Guaha Cellphone? Hafa i ditension? The midnight swearing-in is not valid. You were already the acting governor per the constitution beginning the mo-

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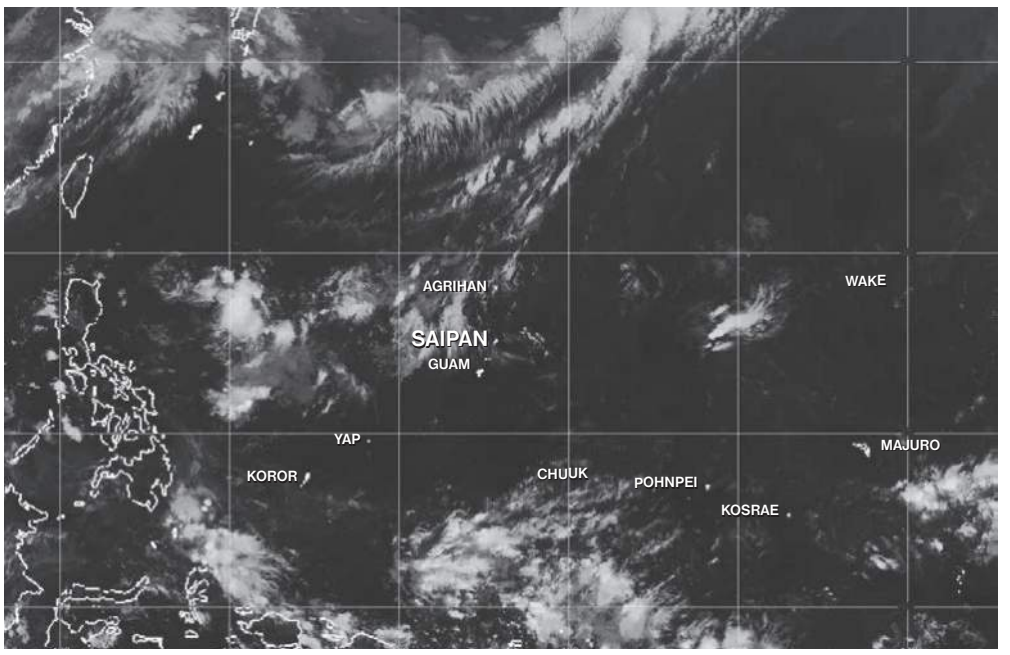
The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with a slight chance of light showers.	Partly cloudy with a slight chance of light showers.	Partly cloudy with a slight chance of light showers.
▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00 PM, SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2016
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough extends northeastward from northwest of Koror at 15N130E to beyond 25N146E. Patchy areas of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are west of a line from 11N131E to 16N135E to 19N132E and northwest of Guam and Saipan within 200 miles of a line from 16N138E to 25N148E. Another surface trough is southeast of Mindanao with scattered showers and a few thunderstorms southwest of Koror west of a line from 4N133E to EQ133E. A trade-wind disturbance southwest of Chuuk is causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of a line from 3N140E to 6N151E to EQ155E. A trade-wind trough developing over the Marshall Islands is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms near and northeast of Majuro within 50 miles of a line from 6N170E to 9N180 and northeast of Butaritari between 6N and 3N from 173E to 177E. A few showers and thunderstorms far southwest of Wake Island are within 50 miles of 16N159E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Mostly Sunny	▲89	▼80
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼78
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲91	▼79
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼81
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼80
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼80
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼80

Around the Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲60	▼48
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼58
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲88	▼82
Honolulu	Showers	▲85	▼71
London	Showers	▲67	▼54
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲76	▼58
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲91	▼78
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	▲62	▼41
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼75
New York	Thunderstorms	▲75	▼68
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲82	▼69
Paris	Rain	▲59	▼56
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲85	▼62
Rome	Sunny	▲74	▼61
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲78	▼52
San Francisco	Sunny	▲68	▼54
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼58
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲79	▼66
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲81	▼67

NMI CRIME STOPPERS
Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:
- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Tides

Saipan Harbor

3:19 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
9:45 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.9 Feet
2:42 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet
9:13 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:46 AM	6:43 PM
Tuesday	5:46 AM	6:44 PM
Wednesday	5:46 AM	6:44 PM
Thursday	5:46 AM	6:44 PM
Friday	5:46 AM	6:45 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	12:40 AM	12:50 PM
Tuesday	1:26 AM	1:47 PM
Wednesday	2:13 AM	2:45 PM
Thursday	3:01 AM	3:45 PM
Friday	3:52 AM	4:47 PM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 10, 2016

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA2924	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:20pm	7:05pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:30am	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2924/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA2924/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	Daily via GUM
UA2922/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA2922/193	8:40am	10:35pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA2921/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA2921/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA2921/191	1:30pm	8:55am+1	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA2920/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR
UA2920/191	2:20pm	8:55am+1	2, 6 via GUM
UA2928/191	6:05pm	8:55am+1	1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2926/191	9:50pm	8:55am+1	1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2922/159	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2921/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA2923	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:30am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/2927	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA190/2929	9:55am	9:20pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA2925	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/2925	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA192/2920	9:45pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM-Rota
UA192/2927	9:45pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA192/2929	9:45pm	9:20pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/2925	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/2920	11:30pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA184/2927	11:30pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/2929	11:30pm	9:20pm+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA116/2925	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA116/2921	9:55pm	1:00pm+1	3, 6 via GUM
UA116/2920	9:55pm	1:50pm+1	1, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA116/2927	9:55pm	5:35pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA116/2929	9:55pm	9:20pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure;ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
6:30AM	6:45AM	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
12:30NN	12:45NN	Daily
1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
12:00NN	12:15NN	Daily
1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

Community comes to Japan's aid

By JON PEREZ
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REPORTER

The local community banded together and supported the fund raising brunch of Aqua Resort Club. Proceeds from the May 20 event, held at the Costa Terrace restaurant, will be given to the victims of last month's Kumamoto earthquake in Japan.

Aqua Resort general manager Kevin Tsurui and assistant sales and marketing manager for local market Tokie Mojica thanked everyone who supported the fundraising brunch. The unofficial number is 239 with 196 coming from early reservation.

"The profit of the event, $1,000 from the hotel, and the cash from the donation box will be deposited to the bank account designated by the Japanese Society of the Northern Maraianas," said Tsurui.

"With the help of the Japan Consular Office on Saipan, the money will reach the victims of the devastating earthquake in Kumamoto," Tsurui added.

Government officials, several lawmakers from the Legislature, personnel of private businesses, the Japanese community, and members of the local community supported the fundraising event.

"It is very nice to see the community's support especially during disasters. We need to be compassionate in times like this and reach out to victims of the tragedy. Time to make a difference No matter who you are, we must reach out to those people who are in need," said Mojica.

It took Aqua Resort's management and staff only one week to plan the fundraising brunch. "But the community's response is overwhelming. We were really surprised of the turnout and we are pleased of the turnout given the short notice of planning everything," said Mojica.

"This is a nice gesture by the community. We are all struggling, with some even recovering from Typhoon Soudelor but when it comes to help others, we will do whatever we can to show that we care," she added.

The Costa Terrace can fit 150 people, but Aqua Rsort needed to use the adjacent rooms and the Vino Bar to accommodate walk-in customers.

The Japanese Society of Northern Marianas also did their own fundraiser held all Thursdays of May at the Street Market and the four Saturdays of the Taste of the Marianas, while Saipan World Resort had the $5 entrance fee at Wave Jungle.

The 7.0-magnitude quake that hit Kumamoto city last April 16 claimed the lives of 49 people.

JON PEREZ
Food and beverage staff of Aqua Resort Club was busy in serving members of the community that supported the brunch fundraiser for the victims of the Kumamoto earthquake in Japan last month.

LETTERS

From Page 11

ment Inos left the Commonwealth. When he died overseas, why did your friends and confederates make you take the oath of office again without the benefit of a special election to make you the full-powered governor? The rationale behind it? Was there a deal? Because a second swearing-in doesn't "hold water." The election should have preceded the second swearing-in. And that second swearing-in should have been for the Office of the Governor, and the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. The second swearing-in on top of the first swearing-in is like you are acting as the acting governor. The first swearing in was when you were elected lieutenant governor. That was all you need. You don't need a second swearing-in. You automatically became the acting governor whenever the elected governor leaves the Commonwealth, until his return. What you need is to be elected. You don't need another swearing-in. When Inos died in California, the special election mechanism should have swung into motion. Whose bad idea was the "second swearing-in and foregoing the special election?" And, acting governor Torres, how long have you been sitting as acting governor without being elected? Almost six months? The late Eloy Inos only served 11 months of his four-year term of office. That calls for a special election. Call it, so you can be elected bona fide, full-powered governor, fair and square, until the next gubernatorial election? Sen bonito yangin ti abmamam yan pagu, u mana guaha special election. So, cut the comedy of errors and let's open up the Special Election polling places and summon the voters

Rudy M. Sablan
Garapan

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-16-014

AS LITO WATER DISTRIBUTION UPGRADE AND REPLACEMENT/RELOCATION OF SERVICE LATERALS

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of As Lito Water Distribution Upgrade and Replacement/Relocation of Service Laterals in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This work consists of new installation of new distribution lines, cut and cap of existing lines and tapping to existing mains. The work also includes the installation of new fire hydrants, flush hydrants, air relief valves, new water lateral connections, relocation and reconnection of existing water meters and asphalt pavement restoration, etc. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 365 calendar days from date of award of contract.

This project is funded by a grant from the United Sates of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled on **May 19, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) Original and Five (5) Hard Copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "*CUC-IFB-16-014, As Lito Water Distribution Upgrade and Replacement/Relocation of Service Laterals"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on June 9, 2016,** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. *A Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on May 23, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, CUC P&S, Administrative Support Assistant – marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

/s/ GARY CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

/s/ MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-16-015

NMC 1.0 MG WATER TANK REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Northern Marianas College (NMC) 1.0 Million Gallon Water Tank Replacement in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists of installation of a new transmission line between the new NMC tank and existing Kannat Tabla tank; removal of existing fiberglass tanks, 1.0 Million Gallon steel tank, yard piping, concrete vaults, and all other appurtenances at the NMC tank site; additional boring, design and construction of the new NMC 1.0 Million Gallon pre-stressed concrete water tank and foundation; installation of new NMC water tank piping, valve vaults, control valves, and other appurtenances; installation of a new booster pump (triplex system) with back-up generator at the NMC tank site; construction of a new chlorination station at the NMC tank site; construction of a new perimeter security fencing and facility lighting at NMC tank site; and restoration of existing asphalt concrete road. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 420 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

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A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **May 31, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the bid MUST be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-16-015, Northern Marianas College (NMC) 1.0 Million Gallon Water Tank Replacement** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) June 21, 2016,** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

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/s/ GARY CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

/s/ MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

This week proclaimed 'CNMI Cancer Survivors Week'

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres on Friday proclaimed the week of May 30 to June 5 as "CNMI Cancers Survivors Week" during a proclamation event at the Office of the Govenror conference room on Capitol Hill.

June 5 is also Cancer Survivors Day, which is celebrated on the first Sunday of June over the last 26 years among the 14.5 million cancer survivors nation-wide.

The Office of Governor, in a statement, said that cancer survivors face challengers and difficulties after being diagnosed with the disease, like financial hardships, unhealthy psychological and emotional feelings, employment problems, and personal relationship struggles.

"There are about 300 active, productive cancer survivors in the CNMI, and in collaboration with the Commonwealth Cancer Association and CHCC, and other social and human service providers, efforts towards the eradication of cancer in the community continues," the statement said.

"With over 1.5 million new cancer cases being diagnosed in the United States and its territories this year, increased access to quality cancer care, screening, prevention, and patient navigation, remains a top priority in our community," it added. ***(Dennis B. Chan)***

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres proclaimed this week Cancer Survivors Week during a proclamation signing event at the Office of the Governor conference room on Friday.

CNMI named China's No. 5 desirable destination

The Northern Mariana Islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota ranks in the Top 5 in a nationwide market survey of "Top 100 Most Desirable Destinations in the World" conducted by the China National Tourism Administration (CNTA).

The NMI ranked No. 5 in the eyes of Chinese consumers from among 300 top global destinations, with more than 1.48 million votes by Chinese netizens. The NMI now surpasses the rankings of such world-class destinations as Hawaii, Bali, and Phuket. The survey was conducted on May 12, 2016, by Mafengwo.cn, one of the most influential tourism websites in China with more than 100 million registered users and over 3.5 million daily page views.

"Being named one of the top destinations by the Chinese public is a tremendous acknowledgement of our marketing work and the unique experience the Northern Mariana Islands has to offer visitors," said Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "Our pristine environment, warm climate, prestige as a U.S. destination, and proximity to China are all marketing tools we utilize in China, and it has paid off. The key now is to balance demand with sustainable grow."

The MVA has been actively marketing the NMI in China in Beijing and Shanghai since opening representative offices in 2012, working closely with Chinese travel trade and media partners. The MVA expanded its reach to Guangzhou in July 2014 covering the South China market, will be launching a new presence in Hong Kong in June of this year in support of new flights from Hong Kong to the NMI, and is planning a Chengdu office to cover the entire West China market in the coming year.

The number of Chinese visitors to the NMI has dramatically increased since 2011. Fiscal Year 2015 was the fifth consecutive year of record-breaking numbers of Chinese visitors, exceeding 181,465 Chinese visitors to the Northern Marianas. China continues to see strong growth in visitor arrivals to the NMI this year, and the MVA expects to welcome over 200,000 Chinese visitors before the year ends.

The Northern Mariana Islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota are among the Top 5 "Most Desirable Destination in the World" as researched and published by China National Tourism Administration on their official social media sites in May 2016. ***(PR)***

Chuuk refurbishes wastewater treatment plant

- **$3.8M in Compact infrastructure grants used**
- **Weno facility now equipped to treat sewage for island**

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Compact Infrastructure Sector grants totaling $3,845,000 were used to build a waste water treatment plant to include a conventional sewerage system and reliable pumping and treatment system to service the main island of Weno in Chuuk State.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Chuuk State officials recently inaugurated a newly-refurbished waste water treatment plant to include a conventional sewerage system and reliable pumping and treatment system to service the main island of Weno. The Chuuk Public Utilities Corporation managed and administered the project using Compact Infrastructure Sector grants totaling $3,845,000.

"This project is important for a clean and healthy environment for the people of Weno," said Assistant Secretary Esther Kia'aina. "I am pleased that U.S. Compact funds have been used to fix this long-standing need."

The previous plant, built in 1974, during the era of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, had been defunct since 1998. Originally intending to build a new facility, project engineers found the existing plant to be structurally sound. Thus to reduce costs and shorten the project completion timeframe, the original project was modified and refurbished. The new system serves about 500 houses on the island of Weno and is currently running at 50 percent capacity, treating 750,000 gallons of wastewater per day.

Project funds were also used to build a new office and garage, procure spare parts, tools, an emergency generator, mini-excavator, boom and vacuum trucks, and other heavy-duty equipment to support the wastewater treatment facility. The plant includes an on-site laboratory where basic testing for ammonia, salinity, and settlement, among other measures, can be conducted. The staff has been trained to operate the new system and will receive further training for the facility.

Design and construction was provided by CCB Envico, an Australian building contractor that designs, constructs and commissions facilities for government and private industry in Australia and the Asia Pacific region.

The Secretary of the Interior is responsible for coordinating federal policy with respect to the territories of the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and administering and overseeing U.S. federal assistance provided to the freely associated states of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau under the Compacts of Free Association. On behalf of the Secretary, the Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas executes these responsibilities through the Office of Insular Affairs whose mission is to foster economic opportunities, promote government efficiency, and improve the quality of life for the people of the insular areas. ***(PR)***

Air Force to conduct training at WA-517

ASAN, Guam—The Air Force will conduct training at Warning Area 517 May 31 and June 2 from noon to 10pm.

The general public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated.

W-517 is activated south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. All vessels are advised to remain clear of W-517 south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank are open for public use. W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. W-517 supports surface and aerial gunnery, missiles, and laser exercises. W-517 is contained within the following coordinates: 13° 10"N/144° 30"E, 13° 10"N/144° 42"E, 12° 50"N/144° 45"E, 11° 00"N/144° 45"E, 11° 00"N/143° 00"E, 11° 45"N/143° 00"E, 12° 50"N/144° 30"E.

For more information, contact the Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs Office at (671) 349-4055. ***(PR)***

CONGRATULATIONS CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Jay Villagomez, left, and Joaquin "Kindu" Chong Muna both are from Saipan. They graduated from the University of Guam with their Bachelors degrees and commissioned as second lieutenants with the U.S. Army.

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Mt. Carmel School alumnus James Masao A. Deleon Guerrero recently graduated from Chaminade University of Honolulu with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration. He is seen here with his proud parents Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Guerrero of Fina Sisu, Saipan

Family Grief Support Group to meet on June 2nd

The Compassionate Friends of Saipan will be holding their monthly grief support meeting on Thursday, June 2, from 6pm to 7:3om, in the NMPASI conference room on Middle Road, in Gualo Rai.

We offer understanding and hope to parents, siblings and grandparents who are grieving the loss of a child of any age, and from any cause. We provide a safe, confidential setting, in which to share our experiences, while respecting and supporting each other, and listening. We have "been there." We do not espouse any specific religious or philosophical ideology. There is no "right way" to grieve, and family members are welcome to come to share or just to listen.

The mission of The Compassionate Friends is to assist families toward the positive resolution of grief following the death of a child of any age and to provide information to help others to be supportive. Today more than 600 chapters serving all 50 states plus Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, Guam, and Saipan offer friendship, understanding, and hope to bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents and other family members during the natural grieving process after a child has died.

For more information, e-mail tcfSaipan@gmail.com or call Jill Derickson (989-9821) or Donna Krum (783-1900). To learn more about The Compassionate Friends, visit their website at www.compassionate-friends.org. ***(PR)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

BankGuam Holding Company declares 2nd quarter dividends

BankGuam Holding Company announced that its Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of $0.10 per share at its board's regular meeting held on Monday, May 23, 2016. The dividend will be paid on June 30, 2016, to shareholders of record as of June 15, 2016.

BankGuamHolding Company president and chair of the Board, Lou A. Leon Guerrero stated, "I am happy to report that we have met our financial performance for this quarter, thus allowing us to once again provide a return on our shareholder's investment." ***(PR)***

Joint Educational Board meeting on June 6

The University of Guam Board of Regents, the Guam Community College Board of Trustees, and the Guam Education Board will hold a Joint Educational Board meeting on Monday, June 6, 2016 at 4pm in AV Room #1 of the RFK Library in the Tan Siu Lin Building, UOG campus, Mangilao.

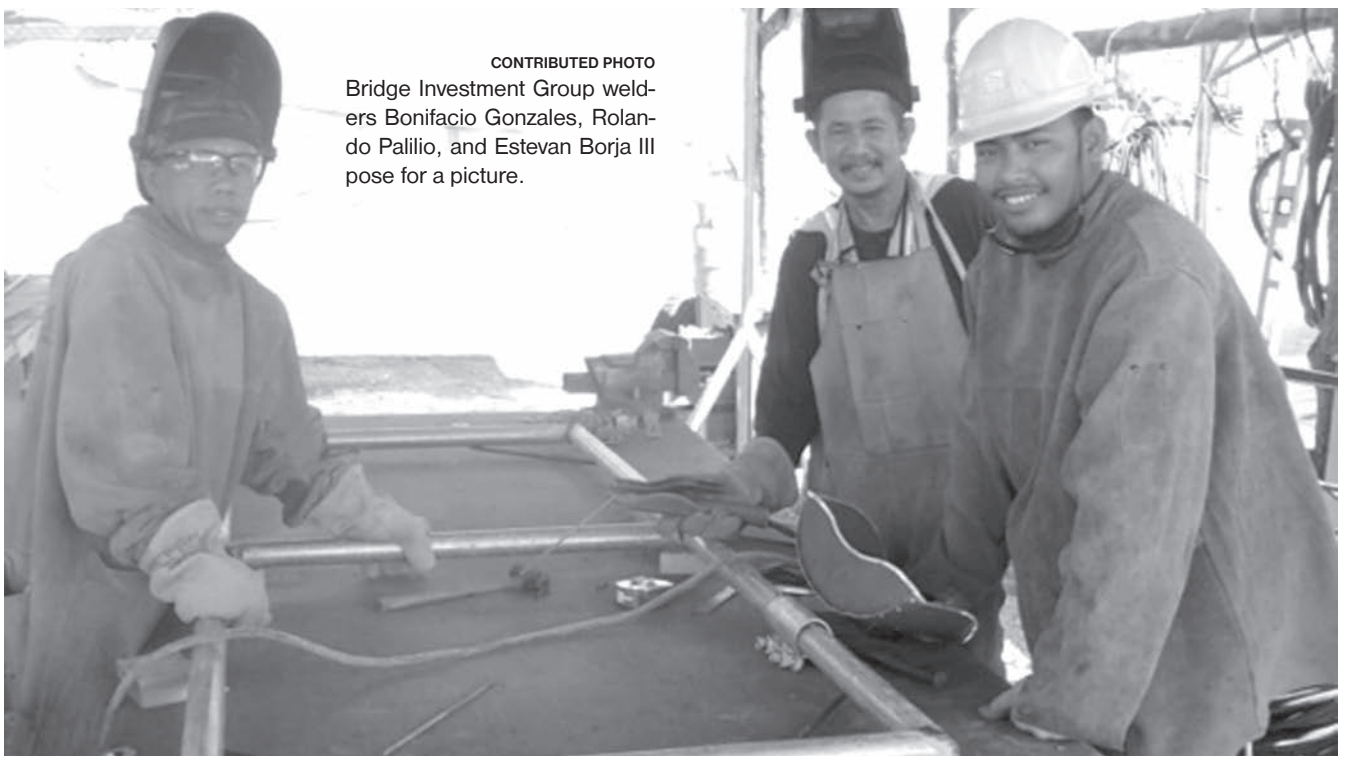
The University of Guam complies with Guam Public Law 24-109 with reference to the provisions and requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. For assistance contact David Okada, UOG EEO Office, Room 106, Iya Hami, at 735-2244 or (TTY) 735-2243. ***(PR)***

Maritime transportation system recovery exercise

SANTA RITA, Guam— Coast Guard Sector Guam will host a press conference to discuss the Coast Guard's Maritime Transportation System Recovery exercise. The exercise will focus on all recovery aspects of the Mariana Islands Maritime Transportation System after a typhoon makes landfall on Guam.

The press conference will take place at Coast Guard Sector Guam on Tuesday, June 7th from 1pm to 2pm. Request RSVPs be sent to william.white@uscg.mil no later than June 1st. ***(PR)***

BIG employee expresses gratitude for '1 plus 2' program



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Bridge Investment Group welders Bonifacio Gonzales, Rolando Palilio, and Estevan Borja III pose for a picture.

SAN JOSE, Tinian—Bridge Investment Group "1 plus 2" program gives entry level construction employees an opportunity to shadow skilled workers to gain hands-on knowledge. Job shadowing is an essential component of the workplace on-the-job training and for this reason, it requires patience, time and attention.

BIG employee Estevan Borja III was hired late last year as a security officer. He started out as a part-time employee then eventually moved up to full-time employee. Borja remained under the security division for about three months before he expressed his interest in the construction steel work division. Borja's lateral transfer to the welding division became effective March 2016 in line with BIG's training and development program. Rolando Palilio, the welding supervisor with 15 plus years of experience in steel work, was assigned to mentor Borja. Palilio states that, "Mr. Borja has learned a great deal since he transferred and I will continue to teach him everything I know and hopefully more. I look forward to training more employees who are interested in this division." With numerous projects assigned to the division such as the bicycle racks, guard houses, trailers, etc. Borja has been a part of the development process.

"I would watch steel work videos on YouTube and practice at home. I've always been interested, so this job suits me. Been given this opportunity to shadow Mr. Palilio and starting OJT training, I definitely learned a lot. I appreciate the opportunity the company has given me and with these skills, I could take anywhere. Thank you BIG!" said Borja

BIG believes that all entry level employees must be trained and given the opportunity to develop and reach their full potential and enable them to achieve superior performance of their duties. ***(PR)***

MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

MVA-RFP-16-2341: ACQUISITION OF TWO PICK-UP TRUCKS
MVA-RFP-16-2342: ACQUISITION OF PASSENGER VAN
MVA-RFP-16-2343: ACQUISITION OF SPORT UTILITY VEHICLE

Closing Date: **June 30, 2016** Time: **3:00 p.m.**

Submit sealed proposals to: Marianas Visitors Authority
P.O. Box 500861 CK
Saipan, MP 96950

Interested parties may pick up the scope of work at the **Marianas Visitors Authority** office between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except holidays or by visiting the **MVA** website at www.mymarianas.com.

/s/ Marian Aldan-Pierce
MVA Chair, Board of Directors

/s/ MARTIN F. DUENAS
Acting Managing Director

Peter A. Cruz
Address: P.O. Box 7446 SVRB, Saipan, MP 96950
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Pro se

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Cruz, Peter A. Jr. Petitioner,	)	FCD-DI CA-16-0175
vs.	)	**SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION**
Cruz, Michelle C. Respondent	)	

TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 7746 SVRB, Saipan, MP 96950 as soon as practical after filling your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court of this Court at P.O. Box 500307, Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgement by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 28th day of April, 2016.

/s/ Clerk of Court

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

COMMERCIAL BUILDING LEASE SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

CPA-RFP-014-16

ISSUE DATE: MAY 27, 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY IS ACCEPTING SEALED PROPOSALS, SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (THE "RFP") AND OTHER CONTRACT PROVISIONS, FOR AWARDING A LEASE CONTRACT FOR A COMMERCIAL BUILDING, FORMERLY THE "FREEDOM AIR HANGAR" AT THE SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON SAIPAN, IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS. THIS RFP IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 40-50, PROCUREMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS OF TITLE 40 OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (THE "NMIAC"). TITLE 40, INCLUDING CHAPTER 40-50-225, REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, IS APPLICABLE TO THE PROCESS FOLLOWED BY RFP.

PROPOSAL PACKAGES MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LOCATED AT THE ADMNISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE AUTHORITY, DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS. A FEE OF $50.00 SHALL BE CHARGED FOR A COPY OF THE PROPOSAL PACKAGE . CHECKS MAY BE PAYABLE TO THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY.

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/S/ BY: JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Chairman/Contracting Officer

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Amendment #01

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Vice-Chairman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that a Regular Board Meeting is scheduled on **Saturday, June 04, 2016 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC's Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan.** The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
a. Call to Order
b. Roll Call
c. Adoption of Agenda
d. Adoption of Minutes - February 10, 2016 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- February 25, 2016 Special Board Meeting Minutes

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS
III. CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
a. CDBG Update
b. Properties for Sale
c. Section 8 Waiting List Update
d. Personnel Manual
e. Personnel Matters
f. Financial Statements

IV. OLD BUSINESS
a. Garapan Annex
b. RD Update
c. Adoption of the Amendments to the Section 8 Admin Plan

V. NEW BUSINESS
a. CDA Office Request
b. Supplemental Loan Request
c. Loan Assistance
d. NMHC Procurement Regulation

VI. LEGAL COUNSEL'S PENDING/ONGOING REPORT
VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
VIII. OTHER MATTERS
IX. ADJOURNMENT

(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/ **IGNACIO L. PEREZ**
Vice-Chairman of the Board

Business

US economy showing signs of life after slow start to the year

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. economy is showing signs of more life after a less-than-stellar start to the year.

The government said Friday that first-quarter growth, while disappointing, wasn't as bad as first thought. And a number of more recent indicators are showing decent gains in key areas like consumer spending and housing.

All the signs point to an economy that has probably doubled its momentum this quarter. But faster growth also raises the prospect that the Federal Reserve will want to nudge interest rates higher.

Fed Chair Janet Yellen said exactly that at an appearance Friday at Harvard University. She noted that after weak growth in the fourth quarter of last year and the first three months of this year, it "looks to be picking up from the various data that we monitor."

She said if the growth continues and the labor market keeps improving, then "probably in the coming months, such a move (rate hike) would be appropriate."

Yellen, who stressed that the Fed's plan is to raise rates "gradually and cautiously," did not specify when exactly a rate hike might occur. But many economists believe it could come as soon as the Fed's next meeting on June 14-15.

Expectations of a possible June hike have been climbing since the central bank surprised investors last week with the release of the minutes of the April meeting. The minutes showed that Fed officials were prepared to raise rates at the June meeting if the economy kept improving.

AP

In this Wednesday, March 23, 2016, photo, Kayla Mitchell serves a customer at Good Day Cafe in North Andover, Mass.

Janet Yellen says Fed could raise rates in coming months

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen said Friday that an interest rate hike would be appropriate in the coming months if the economy keeps improving.

While economic growth was relatively weak at the end of last year and beginning of this year, it appears to be picking up now based on recent data, Yellen said during a discussion at Harvard University.

She said she expects the Fed to "gradually and cautiously increase" its key interest rate "and probably in the coming months, such a move would be appropriate."

Anticipation of a rate hike at either the next June meeting or in July have been rising since the Fed last week released the minutes of its discussions at its April meeting. The minutes showed that Fed officials believed the strengthening economy might warrant a rate hike in June.

The minutes caught investors by surprise because they had come to believe the Fed would not move that quickly.

Many private economists still believe a June rate hike isn't very likely. The gathering will take place only a week before British voters decide whether to support a move to leave the European Union. The Fed may be reluctant to raise rates in advance of the British vote. These analysts believe a hike at the July 26-27 meeting is more likely.

Yellen's comments came during an appearance at Harvard University where she was honored with the Radcliffe Medal. She was interviewed by Harvard University economics professor Gregory Mankiw.

Yellen's appearance had been widely anticipated because it was the first time she had spoken publicly since April 8 in New York.

Michigan bills expand use of driverless cars beyond testing

LANSING, Mich. (AP)—The U.S. auto industry's home state of Michigan is preparing for the advent of self-driving cars by pushing legislation to allow for public sales and operation - a significant expansion beyond an existing state law that sanctions such vehicles for testing only.

While widespread use of driverless cars may be years away, lawmakers and transportation leaders say the technology is progressing so rapidly that Michigan must stay ahead of the curve or risk losing automotive research and development to other states.

Under a newly introduced package of bipartisan bills that would update 2013 laws to allow for the operation of autonomous cars on public roads without anyone at the wheel, tight "platoons" of smart commercial trucks could travel in unison at coordinated speeds. Also, the Detroit Three—General Motors, Fiat Chrysler and Ford—and other auto manufacturers would be authorized to run networks of on-demand self-driving vehicles.

It is a nod to the manufacturers' increasing efforts to reinvent themselves as "mobility" companies. GM this year invested $500 million in ride-hailing company Lyft and bought a startup that makes autonomous-vehicle software. Toyota recently announced an investment in Lyft's rival, Uber. Google, which is opening a self-driving tech development in the Detroit suburb of Novi, is partnering with Fiat Chrysler to test software in 100 minivans.

"It's coming. It's coming fast," Michigan Department of Transportation Director Kirk Steudle said of the merging of Silicon Valley and Motor City technology. "The technology is at a point where it will be incorporated into something that is mass-produced."

Michigan is among seven states with laws related to autonomous cars, while Arizona's governor has issued an executive order. Nevada was the first state to authorize self-driving vehicles in 2011, and California, Florida, North Dakota, Tennessee and Utah followed.

Nation

3 people still missing after floods in Kansas and Texas

HOUSTON (AP)—At least three people were still missing on Sunday after torrential rain in Texas and Kansas flooded rivers, washed out roads and left four people dead.

In Kansas, the search for a missing 11-year-old boy was suspended late Saturday because of darkness and fatigue of first responders, according to Wichita Fire Department battalion chief Scott Brown. The boy was swept away in a swollen creek on Friday night.

"We are more in body recovery mode than rescue," Brown said. Recovery efforts would resume at first light on Sunday, he said.

Near Austin in Travis County, Texas, officials planned to resume aerial searches on Sunday for two missing people whose vehicle was swept off a flooded roadway after the area got 9 inches of rain this week, said emergency services spokeswoman Lisa Block.

The threat of severe weather had lessened in Texas over the long Memorial Day holiday weekend and the focus now is on homes that could be flooded by slowly rising waters. Evacuation orders were issued on Saturday for parts of two Texas cities along the Brazos River near Houston.

"The skies are clear and things look good. But we want to make sure people understand that we are not out of the woods yet. We have to keep an eye on water that's coming through our bayou system," said Francisco Sanchez, a spokesman for the Office of Emergency Management in Harris County, where Houston is located.

Other parts of the U.S. got drenched Friday, including Kansas. And on Saturday afternoon, Tropical Storm Bonnie formed in the Atlantic Ocean and brought rain and wind to the coast of South Carolina.

Veterans sites in California, Kentucky, Virginia damaged

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Memorials to veterans in a Los Angeles neighborhood and a town in Kentucky, as well as a Civil War veterans cemetery in Virginia, were damaged as the nation prepares to mark Memorial Day, officials said.

A Vietnam War memorial in the Venice area of Los Angeles has been extensively defaced by graffiti. The vandalism occurred sometime during the past week, KCAL/KCBS-TV (http://cbsloc.al/1RAa3mg) reported. The homespun memorial painted on a block-long wall on Pacific Avenue lists the names of American service members missing in action or otherwise unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.

News of the vandalism came as another veterans-related memorial was reported damaged in Henderson, Kentucky. Police say a Memorial Day cross display there that honors the names of 5,000 veterans of conflicts dating back to the Revolutionary War has been damaged by a driver who plowed through the crosses early Saturday.

In Virginia, the Petersburg National Battlefield has apparently has been looted, the National Park Service said. Numerous excavations were found at the Civil War battlefield last week, Jeffrey Olson, and agency spokesman, said in a news release Friday. Petersburg National Battlefield is a 2,700-acre park marks where more than 1,000 Union and Confederate soldiers died fighting during the Siege of Petersburg 151 years ago.

ACROSS THE NATION

Slain Utah rail worker's family offers forgiveness to killer

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Hundreds of family, friends and colleagues remembered a slain Utah rail worker Saturday while also offering forgiveness to his killer. The three sons of 63-year-old Kay Ricks occasionally expressed anger at his death but also recalled their father's forgiving nature. Wynn Ricks said he knew his father forgave whoever killed him and was waiting for others to follow in his footsteps. Their father was someone who enjoyed fixing things for people for free and urged his sons to do the same. "If I can have half the love and determination my dad had, I will turn out to be a great man," Joel Ricks said, according to the Daily Herald in Provo.

Arizona man rescued after being trapped in car for 3 days

JEROME, Ariz. (AP)—A man trapped in his crashed vehicle on a central Arizona mountain for three days might never have been rescued if not for a couple taking sightseeing photos, authorities said. Jerome Police Chief Allen Muma says the 50-year-old man's purple SUV was spotted Friday afternoon by a couple who had pulled over on a road on Mingus Mountain, about 10 miles south of Jerome. "The big thing I want to get across is how lucky this gentleman was," Muma said Saturday. "These people happened to stop and take a picture. Had they not, he'd be dead. There's no doubt in my mind." The couple was on Allen Springs Road, which Muma described as an unimproved, dirt Forest Service road and the surrounding terrain has brush between 6 and 10 feet tall. As they started to snap photos, the woman noticed pieces of the vehicle through the mesquite trees and bushes. They went closer and saw a man inside. The pair immediately called 911.

Ohio zoo closes gorilla exhibit for now after boy falls in

CINCINNATI (AP)—The Cincinnati Zoo has temporarily closed its gorilla exhibit after a special zoo response team shot and killed a 17-year-old gorilla that grabbed and dragged a 4-year-old boy who fell into a moat. Zoo officials said the boy fell after he climbed through a public barrier at the Gorilla World exhibit Saturday afternoon. He was picked up out of the moat and dragged by the gorilla for about 10 minutes. Authorities said the child, who has not been identified, fell 10 to 12 feet. He was taken to Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, where he is expected to recover. Hospital officials said they couldn't release any information on him. Zoo Director Thane Maynard said the zoo's dangerous animal response team decided the boy was in "a life-threatening situation" and that they needed to put down the 400-pound-plus male gorilla named Harambe.

Asia

Duterte wins PH presidency in official count

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine lawmakers completed the official vote count from May 9 elections on Friday and announced that Mayor Rodrigo Duterte won the presidency by an overwhelming margin, while Rep. Leni Robredo triumphed as vice president.

Duterte, the tough-talking mayor of southern Davao city, received more than 16.6 million votes, 6.6 million more than his closest rival, former Interior Secretary Mar Roxas, who was backed by outgoing President Benigno Aquino III.

About 81 percent of more than 54 million eligible voters cast ballots for a successor to Aquino and thousands of other national, congressional and local officials whose terms end on June 30, according to lawmakers and official figures released by Congress.

Duterte had led by a wide margin in an earlier unofficial count, and most of his rivals have conceded defeat. The vice presidential race, however, was closely fought.

Robredo, who was also backed by Aquino, received more than 14.4 million votes, according to the official count, just 263,000 more than Sen. Ferdinand Marcos Jr., the son of a dictator ousted in a 1986 "people power" revolt sparked by widespread human rights abuses and corruption.

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In this Monday, May 9, 2016 photo, front-running presidential candidate Mayor Rodrigo Duterte smiles during a news conference shortly after voting in a polling precinct at Daniel R. Aguinaldo National High School, Matina district, his hometown in Davao city in southern Philippines.

Obama uses Hiroshima visit as opportunity to urge no nukes

HIROSHIMA, Japan (AP)—With an unflinching look back at a painful history, President Barack Obama stood on the hallowed ground of Hiroshima on Friday and declared it a fitting place to summon people everywhere to embrace the vision of a world without nuclear weapons.

As the first American president to visit the city where the U.S. dropped the first atomic bomb, Obama came to acknowledge — but not apologize for — an act many Americans see as a justified end to a brutal war that Japan started with a sneak attack at Pearl Harbor.

Some 140,000 people died after a U.S. warplane targeted wartime Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945, and 70,000 more perished in Nagasaki, where a second bomb was dropped three days later. Japan soon surrendered.

"Their souls speak to us," Obama said of the dead. "They ask us to look inward, to take stock of who we are and who we might become."

With a lofty speech and a warm embrace for an elderly survivor, Obama renewed the call for a nuclear-free future that he had first laid out in a 2009 speech in Prague.

This time, Obama spoke as a far more experienced president than the one who had employed his upbeat "Yes, we can" campaign slogan on the first go-round.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Breakaway Taliban faction expresses support for peace talks

SHINDAND, Afghanistan (AP)—A senior leader of a breakaway Taliban faction says it is willing to hold peace talks with the Afghan government but will demand the imposition of Islamic law and the departure of all foreign forces. Mullah Abdul Manan Niazi told a group of followers on Sunday that his faction has no faith in the Kabul government but is willing to negotiate without preconditions. Niazi is deputy to Mullah Mohammad Rasool, who split with the Taliban last summer after Mullah Akhtar Mansoor was chosen to succeed the group's late founder, Mullah Mohammad Omar. Mansoor was killed earlier this month in a U.S. drone strike in Pakistan. The main Taliban faction has expressed similar demands, but says it will only enter talks after they have been met.

Nepal honors 9 Sherpas who fixed ropes to Everest summit

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP)—Nepal has celebrated Everest Day by honoring nine Sherpa guides who fixed ropes and dug the route to the summit so hundreds of climbers could scale the world's highest mountain. Prime Minister Khadga Prasad Oli praised the men at Sunday's ceremony in Kathmandu, where they were presented with bouquets and given checks for 50,000 rupees ($460). The nine Sherpas were the first people to reach the summit on May 11. After they fixed the ropes and dug the route, nearly 400 climbers were able to climb the mountain. The busy climbing season follows two years of disasters on the 8,850-meter (29,035-foot) mountain. Everest Day honors the first successful climb in 1953 by Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and his Sherpa guide Tenzing Norgay.

Chinese detergent maker sorry for harm done by racist ad

BEIJING (AP)—A Chinese laundry detergent maker apologized for the harm caused by the spread of an ad in which a black man "washed" by its product was transformed into a fair-skinned Asian man. Shanghai Leishang Cosmetics Ltd. Co. said it strongly shuns and condemns racial discrimination but blamed foreign media for amplifying the ad, which first appeared on Chinese social media in March but was halted after it drew protests this week following media reports. "We express regret that the ad should have caused a controversy," the statement issued late Saturday read. "But we will not shun responsibility for controversial content." "We express our apology for the harm caused to the African people because of the spread of the ad and the over-amplification by the media," the company said. "We sincerely hope the public and the media will not over-read it."

World

Syria rebels attacked by IS militants, government troops

BEIRUT (AP)—Islamic State militants entered a major Syrian opposition stronghold in the country's north on Saturday, clashing with rebels on the edges of the town as the extremist group builds on its most significant advance near the Turkish border in two years—even as it loses ground elsewhere in the country and in neighboring Iraq.

The town of Marea, just north of Aleppo city, has long been considered a bastion of relatively moderate Syrian revolutionary forces fighting to topple Assad. The IS assault underlined the weakness of the groups fighting under the loose banner of the so-called Free Syrian Army that have been struggling to survive.

More than 160,000 civilians have been trapped by the fighting, which also forced the evacuation of one of the few remaining hospitals in the area, run by the international medical organization Doctors Without Borders.

On Saturday, IS fighters staged two suicide bombings targeting "opposition forces" near Marea, IS said via its news agency, Aamaq.

Following the suicide bombings, IS militants entered Marea and fighting began inside the town, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a Britain-based opposition media outfit that tracks Syria's civil war.

Dr. Abdel Rahman Alhafez, who heads one of the last remaining hospitals in Marea, said the town was encircled and his hospital under threat since Friday. "We need urgent protection for the hospital or a way out," he said in an emailed statement.

Syrian army warplanes and helicopters, meanwhile, pounded other opposition-held towns in Aleppo province on Saturday, putting a further strain on embattled rebels fighting President Bashar Assad's forces.

Italian, Irish, German ships save over 650 migrants at sea

ROME (AP)—A flotilla of ships saved 668 migrants Saturday from smugglers' boats in distress in the Mediterranean Sea off the coast of Libya, Italian authorities said—bringing the week's total of migrants plucked from the sea to a staggering 13,000 people.

The rescues by the Italian coast guard and navy ships, aided by Irish and German vessels and humanitarian groups, are the latest by a multinational patrol south of the Italian island of Sicily.

The Irish military said the vessel Le Roisin saved 123 migrants from a 12-meter-long (40-foot) rubber dinghy and recovered a male body. A German ship patrolling to intercept smugglers' boats also was involved in four separate rescue operations, the Italian coast guard said Saturday evening.

Meanwhile, with migrant shelters filling up in Sicily, the Italian navy vessel Vega headed toward Reggio Calabria, a southern Italian mainland port, bringing 135 survivors and 45 bodies from a rescue a day earlier. The Vega was due to dock on Sunday.

Other survivors who arrived Saturday in the Sicilian port of Pozzallo told authorities they had witnessed a fishing boat filled with" hundreds" of migrants sink on Thursday, a Save The Children spokeswoman, Giovanna Di Benedetto, told The Associated Press by telephone from Sicily.

According to survivors, two smugglers' fishing boats and a dinghy set sail Wednesday night from Libya's coast. Di Benedetto said the survivors were among 500 or so aboard the one fishing boat that didn't sink and the dinghy.

"All of this must be verified, of course," said Di Benedetto, but if the survivors' accounts bear out, as many as 400 people could have drowned, with only a very few of those on the vessel that sank able to reach the other boats.

Authorities say many migrant boats in the past few years apparently have sunk without a trace in the Mediterranean, with the dead never found. Often the only news about them comes when family members in Africa or Europe tell authorities that their loved ones never arrived after setting sail from Libya.

Child still critical after lightning hits 11 in Paris park

PARIS (AP)—Eight children and three adults were struck by lightning Saturday in a Paris park after a sudden spring storm sent a bolt crashing down upon a children's birthday party, a spokesman for Paris' fire service said. He credited an off-duty firefighter with playing a critical role in getting immediate medical help to the victims, but one child remains in critical condition.

Another group of people at a children's soccer match in western Germany were also hit by lightning Saturday afternoon, leaving three adults seriously injured.

The birthday group had sought shelter under a tree at Park Monceau, a northwest Paris park popular with well-to-do families, when a lightning bolt touched down, according to Paris fire service spokesman Eric Moulin. He put the children's ages at around 9.

Moulin said Cmdr. Pascal Gremillet, an off-duty firefighter, was visiting a museum nearby when he noticed the commotion and discovered nine of the 11 victims lying unconscious. He immediately went to work.

"He saw who was the most seriously injured. He did a quick triage of the victims. He did first aid. He alerted the rescue services," Moulin told The Associated Press. "Without his actions, it would have been much worse."

Gremillet told journalists that one child's heart had stopped beating when he arrived.

"I did first aid (and) a heart massage," he said. The other children "were in shock."

Dr. Pierre Carli, an emergency medical services official, later told journalists that for one of the children, "the prognosis is probably more serious and he is now hospitalized on life support."

For the seven other children, the news was "rather good," Carli said. Their injuries were not considered life threatening.

He said that the condition of three of the more seriously injured children was improving, All seven of the children were placed under observation, Carli said. He identified the injured adults as two men and a woman who is the mother of some of the children.

Health & Fitness

Punches and peas: North Minneapolis gym teaches kids boxing – and nutrition

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Fighting Chance Boxing Club students Marvin Ingram, right, and Mohammed Omar, 11, eat dinner after a training session on April 20, 2016, at the nonprofit club that's teaching North Minneapolis kids the benefits of boxing and nutrition.

MINNEAPOLIS—Two summers ago, when Ryan Burnet and Victor Mills started a program that introduced north Minneapolis kids to the rigors of boxing, they couldn't find a gym in the area.

Burnet, a restaurateur (Barrio, Bar La Grassa, Burch Steak and Pizza Bar, Eastside), and Mills, a retired police officer, ended up driving kids to a facility on the opposite side of the city.

"We'd pick them up at 9 a.m., and they would come to the car with a bag of Cheetos and a can of Mountain Dew," said Burnet. "It was immediately obvious that, in this program, nutrition is as relevant as boxing."

Which is why, when the program developed into the just-opened Fighting Chance Boxing Club, the new North Side facility contains a kitchen. A very busy kitchen.

BLIGHT, REBORN

The building, a handsome Works Progress Adminstration firehouse from 1939, sat vacant for 11 vandalism-bait years before nonprofit Fighting Chance bought it for $40,000.

"If this were in any other part of the state, it would have been picked up in a heartbeat," said Burnet. "I knew I wanted something permanent, and in their neighborhood. A place that they could walk to. And boy, have they ever."

After a major fundraising effort, another $840,000 was invested in a renovation. Donors — companies, foundations, individuals — stepped up with cash and equipment, everything from countertops to the boxing ring to a much-needed commercial refrigerator.

"The building was a blight on the neighborhood, a liability," said Burnet. "Now, we open the doors, and all this energy goes out into the streets."

The second floor spaces include a tutoring room ("a quiet place for the kids to study," said Burnet), a yoga studio (a donation-based program overseen by volunteers from Radiant Life Yoga) and offices for both the Police Athletic League and Burnet, who is now running his businesses from sunny, sparsely furnished quarters.

The main event is on the main floor. The boxing ring anchors the space where fire trucks were once parked. Locker rooms were carved out of the square footage where fire hoses were hung to dry.

The building's heart and soul? It's the firehouse kitchen, gutted and rebuilt and already bursting at the seams. An adjacent room was initially slated to become an office.

"But then I realized that we need a gathering place, a spot where we can all sit around the table, together," said Burnet. Goodbye, office; hello, dining room.

Just outside the back door, a grill is getting its own workout, and a nearby empty lot is going to become a vegetable garden; a second parcel, not far from Patrick Henry High School, is also being eyed for cultivation.

"It would be ideal to grow the majority of the vegetables that we eat," said Burnet. "This neighborhood is a food desert. We want to show these kids where real food comes from."

SEEKING PARTNERSHIPS

Burnet was introduced to the sport 15 years ago. "It relieves stress, and teaches discipline," he said. "Boxing has made me a better husband, father and business partner."

Six days a week, 35 to 40 boys and girls, ages 9 through 18, stream into the building to work up a sweat — and an appetite. There are two back-to-back training sessions, and they're offered free of charge. All are welcome.

"This is about getting kids in here and using boxing as a medium," said Burnet. "It's a way to keep them busy, off the streets, and getting them to work out their energy, and their angst."

The adults in the room are Burnet and eight other trainers. They're all volunteers (Mills, as executive director, is the only paid Fighting Chance staffer) and most are current or former police officers.

At the end of each 90-minute workout?

"We cook, and then we feed them, and the kids help with cleanup," said Burnet. "I vastly underestimated how much food these kids were going to eat. And how hungry they were."

So far, the volunteers have concentrated on such easy-to-prepare items as chicken fajitas, Sloppy Joes, bison burgers, chicken-vegetable satays and meatloaf. Vegetables and fruit are served with every meal, along with milk and water.

"We try to make it as healthy as possible," said Burnet. "We're going through a lot of hummus. We now have a rice cooker, and our Vitamix is perpetually making healthy smoothies. If this were a restaurant, we wouldn't be worried about sales."

What is causing consternation is money. After the kitchen's busier-than-projected first weeks, Burnet reran the numbers. It was sobering moment.

"It's tough to pro forma," he said. "But at this rate, I think that we're going to be spending north of $100,000 a year on food."

To date, Burnet's restaurants have been acting as defacto pantries, and a few other donors have stepped up, including Origin Meals, a Paleo-centric favorite among local fitness enthusiasts.

In addition, spouses Nancy St. Pierre and Isaac Becker — co-owners of 112 Eatery, and Burnet's partners at Bar La Grassa and Burch — are lending a hand.

"The kids will be eating Isaac's food three days a week," said Burnet.

Still, additional long-term, sustainable solutions are required to give the Fighting Chance kitchen a fighting chance.

"We're looking for other strategic partners," said Burnet. "Do you have any ideas? Without a doubt, this is the hardest project that I've ever done. But we'll figure it out. We're not in the business of saying no."

Quinn on Nutrition: Should you take dietary supplements?

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Only take dietary supplements if you need them. TNS

"Should I take dietary supplements?" is a question much like, "Should I stop for gas?" The answer depends on what's in the tank. In other words, only take dietary supplements if you need them.

Dietary supplements should be just that — a way to get the nutrients missing from our diets. Still, real food is the best way to get the right balance of nutrients to make our human machines run smoothly, say experts. Why? Scientists say there is a special interaction or synergy between nutrients and other substances in whole food that enhances their health effects more than the action of each molecule individually. And while toxic doses of dietary supplements can be a concern, it's very difficult to overdose on nutrients from eating food.

There are some exceptions, however, to the rule that we can get all the nutrition we need from eating good food, say experts.

Vitamin D: Vitamin D is unique, we were told in the Advisory Report for the 2015-2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans, because it is not present in many of the foods we commonly eat. It's also different from other nutrients in that the primary source for obtaining vitamin D is not from food but from the sun. (Sunshine on exposed skin causes a reaction that stimulates the formation of vitamin D in our bodies.)

Even if we ate perfectly, our diet could still fall short of vitamin D, say experts. And in this world of limited sun exposure, dietary supplements have become a main source of this essential nutrient.

Calcium: If you avoid dairy foods for any reason or if you do not eat calcium-fortified soy or other products, you may need supplemental calcium.

Multivitamin/mineral: Certain individuals can benefit from a daily multivitamin, including pregnant women, women who are nursing an infant, strict vegetarians and vegans (whose diets are typically low in vitamin B-12, zinc, iron and calcium). People who have had weight loss surgery such as gastric bypass and adults over the age of 65 (the body doesn't process nutrients as well as we age) may also need a daily multivitamin.

Do you eat at least two servings of fruit every day? Do you eat at least 2 cups of vegetables every day? Do you routinely eat whole grain foods? If not, say nutrition experts, you are probably falling short on key nutrients such as potassium, magnesium and vitamins C and E. If a change in diet is not in the cards, a daily multivitamin/mineral supplement that provides around 100 percent of the recommended daily value can help fill the gap.

Are dietary supplements safe? They are as long as we don't exceed the UL (Tolerable Upper Intake Level) set by the Institute of Medicine (www.nationalacademies.org).

By the way, the U.S. Department of Agriculture is in the midst of a project called the Dietary Supplement Ingredient Database (DSID) in which the content and quality of dietary supplements are being analyzed. Thus far, they have found that not all dietary supplements contain the amount of nutrient listed on their labels. Buyers beware.

Still confused? Join the party. Then track down the info you need at the reliable Office of Dietary Supplements (ods.od.nih.gov).

Focus

Bomb survivors feel both wonder and doubt after Obama visit

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In this May 27, 2016 file photo, U.S. President Barack Obama, right, and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe speak with the Atomic Bomb Dome seen at rear at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park in Hiroshima, western Japan.

HIROSHIMA, Japan (AP)— The survivors of the world's first atomic bomb attack are used to hearing grand vows to rid the world of nuclear weapons. They just don't usually come directly from the leader of the country that dropped the bomb on them in the first place.

On Saturday, a day after Barack Obama left, there was gratitude — wonder, even — that he had become the first sitting U.S. president to visit the place where the nuclear age began. But there was also clear-eyed recognition that the realities of a dangerous, fickle world may trump Obama's call for nations, including his own, to have the "the courage to escape the logic of fear" of nuclear weapons stockpiling.

Hiroshima cherishes its survivors — a grove not far from the atomic bomb's hypocenter proudly displays signs announcing that these "A-bombed Trees" still thrive — but there's also some skepticism when faced with yet another anti-nuclear call, even from the leader of the world's sole superpower.

"The world paid attention to what happened here, even if just for a while, because someone as important as (Obama) came to Hiroshima. So perhaps it could make things a little bit better," Kimie Miyamoto, 89, a bomb survivor, said in an interview. "But you never know if it will really make a difference, because so much depends on what other countries are thinking as well."

Asked if Obama's visit could inspire those countries to abandon nuclear weapons, she shook her head. "I don't think so," she said, "because there are so many (bombs) in the world."

Long after Obama left for Washington, people here were loath to let go of his whirlwind trip.

Into the night, a line at Peace Memorial Park stretched from an arched stone monument that honors the 140,000 who died from the Aug. 6, 1945, bombing to a museum that tells the stories of some of those dead, about 200 meters (yards) away. People stood patiently, inching forward and waiting for their chance to take pictures of the wreath Obama had left behind.

People around Hiroshima were still talking about their glimpses of Obama as they lined the streets to watch his motorcade speed by or watched the media coverage that documented nearly every single moment of the two hours he spent in Hiroshima in a carefully choreographed political performance meant to close old wounds without inflaming new passions.

Beneath the thrill that lingered from Obama's star power, there was also a widespread desire to keep momentum going.

"We should not let President Obama's Hiroshima visit be just a ceremony," the left-leaning Mainichi newspaper said in an editorial Saturday. "He will be in office only eight more months. We hope the president will use the remaining time effectively to take concrete steps to leave a political legacy that will pave the way for a world without nuclear weapons."

Some anti-nuclear activists worry that Obama's Hiroshima speech could turn out like his 2009 speech in Prague that helped secure him a Nobel Peace Prize: After the buzz dies down, there will be a return to business as usual.

"The world needs more than words," Derek Johnson, executive director of Global Zero, an anti-nuclear group, said in a statement. "President Obama must take urgent action to reduce the threat of nuclear weapons being used again."

In an interview at the retirement home she shares with other bomb victims, Tsuyako Hiramatsu, 90, flipped through the pages of a book with a photograph of smiling young World War II pilots holding a puppy on its cover.

She marveled at Obama's political and military power, but said she had seen too many Japanese leaders who have said one thing in public and another in private to believe that there will ever be a world without war.

Since Obama received the Nobel for his anti-nuclear agenda, he has seen uneven progress and criticism over plans for a big, costly program to upgrade U.S. nuclear stockpiles.

Another bomb survivor, Michiko Kimoto, 87, also had doubts that Obama's visit would ever lead to a world without nuclear weapons. "You can never tell how people's minds work," she said.

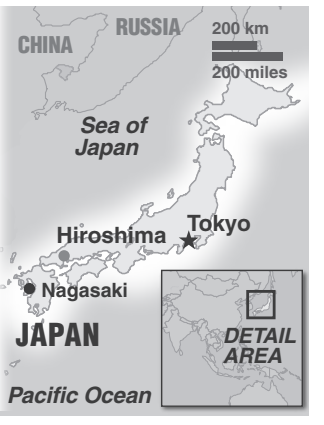
One of the two survivors who met directly with Obama, 91-year-old Sunao Tsuboi, was more optimistic.

Tsuboi, like some other survivors, thought Obama had spent too little time in Hiroshima to fully understand the extent of the tragedy. But Obama's presidency, he told reporters, has pushed the world "a step or two forward" to the goal of nuclear disarmament.

"I think he has the strong leadership abilities to make it happen," he said.

Obama in Hiroshima

Obama's trip to Hiroshima made him the first U.S. president to visit the site of the world's first atomic bombing



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BY THE NUMBERS:

The atomic bombing of Hiroshima

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In this Sept. 8, 1945 file photo, an allied correspondent stands in the rubble in front of the shell of a building that once was a movie theater in Hiroshima, Japan, a month after the first atomic bomb ever used in warfare was dropped by the U.S. on Monday, Aug. 6, 1945.

HIROSHIMA, Japan (AP)— President Barack Obama visits Hiroshima on Friday, the first sitting American president to do so since the U.S. dropped an atomic bomb on the city in western Japan on Aug. 6, 1945. A second atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki three days later. The U.S. has said the bombings hastened Japan's surrender and eliminated the need for a U.S. invasion that would have cost many more lives. The toll on the two Japanese cities was heavy. Here's a look, by the numbers, at the atomic bombing of Hiroshima:

■ **350,000:** Population of Hiroshima before the bombing, of which 40,000 were military personnel.

■ **140,000:** Estimated death toll, including those who died from radiation-related injuries and illness through Dec. 31, 1945.

■ **300,000:** Total death toll to date, including those who have died from radiation-related cancers.

■ **1.2 million:** Population of Hiroshima today.

■ **31,500:** Height in feet (9,600 meters) from which the B-29 Enola Gay dropped the "Little Boy" bomb.

■ **2,000:** Height in feet (600 meters) at which the bomb exploded 43 seconds after it was dropped.

■ **3,000-4,000:** The estimated temperature in Celsius (5,400-7,200 Fahrenheit) at ground zero seconds after the detonation.

■ **8,900:** Approximate weight of the "Little Boy" bomb in pounds (about 4 metric tons).

■ **1,600:** Radius in feet (500 meters) from ground zero in which the entire population died that day.

■ **90:** Percent of Hiroshima that was destroyed.

■ **45:** Minutes after the 8:15 a.m. blast that a "black rain" of highly radioactive particles started falling.

■ **3-6:** Weeks after the bombing during which most of the victims with severe radiation symptoms died.

■ **10 million:** Folded paper ("origami") cranes that decorate the Children's Peace Monument in Hiroshima each year.

Sources: *Hiroshima city government; Japan Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare; Japan Foreign Ministry.*

Life & Style

DMC: Commissioner should apologize for words about rap

NEW YORK (AP)—Rock and Roll Hall of Famer and hip-hop icon Darryl "DMC" McDaniels says the New York police commissioner's recent comments—where he labeled rappers as thugs following a shooting at a hip-hop concert—are disrespectful and that the commissioner should apologize to rappers like Chuck D, Will Smith and Kendrick Lamar—performers whose songs do not promote violence and negative images.

Police commissioner William Bratton's comments came Thursday after four people were shot at a Manhattan concert hall where rapper T.I. was scheduled to perform on Wednesday night. Bratton blamed the shootings on "the crazy world of the so-called rap artists who are basically thugs that basically celebrate the violence that they live all their lives."

McDaniels, one of the founding members of the pioneering rap group Run-DMC, said the shooting is not a "hip-hop problem" and that Bratton's statement was unfair to rappers like LL Cool J, De La Soul, J. Cole and many others.

"He needs to apologize to all the rappers who have come from (the) streets but have never put out anything negative (and) disrespectful to break down ... and destroy their community," McDaniels, 51, told the Associated Press on Friday.

"(Bratton) was upset and pointing a finger and getting to the root and not thinking about the people he would hurt by saying what he said," McDaniels continued. "Him as the commissioner saying it did so much damage (and) pushes hip-hop back—that's why he should apologize."

Bratton told the AP Friday night that, "I meant what I said about the thugs who call themselves rap artists, and shoot up crowded clubs, and in this case, kill and wound people."

But he said in a statement emailed by his spokesman that he understands rap has become "an important vehicle for storytelling in urban America" and that there's a segment of "gangster rap" that often overshadows rap's most important messages.

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In this Dec. 9, 2014 file photo, Darryl McDaniels of Run DMC performs at Christmas in Brooklyn in New York.

Bratton said his comments about the shootings were "misread as a reference to all of rap and hip hop, which it was not." He said he's concerned about the "subset that not only glamorize violence but some who employ violence like a prop for 'street cred.'"

Police are investigating the deadly shooting at Irving Plaza, where one person died. Rapper Roland Collins, whose stage name is Troy Ave, will face attempted murder and weapons charges. He was also shot in the leg. Ronald McPhatter, who died, was a member of Collins' entourage and had been there to provide security, according to his family.

In an interview with WCBS radio, Bratton said rap music "oftentimes celebrates violence, celebrates degradation of women, celebrates the drug culture."

"It's unfortunate that as they get fame and fortune that some of them are just not able to get out of the life, if you will," he said.

McDaniels said his words are "totally, totally, totally unacceptable and false."

"There's a million rappers who come from the hood who do not portray, promote or produce products that celebrate or legitimizes any forms of negativity," he said. "The commissioner, he knew better than that. I respect his job, I know it's hard and all of that, but he should have known better."

Mayor Bill de Blasio has said he thought Bratton was "talking out of frustration."

Chinese developer Wanda opens theme park to take on Disney

NANCHANG, China (AP)—China's largest private property developer, the Wanda Group, opened an entertainment complex on Saturday that it's positioning as a distinctly homegrown rival to Disney and its $5.5 billion Shanghai theme park opening next month.

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A security guard opens the entrance doors for the grand opening of the Wanda Mall at the Wanda Cultural Tourism City in Nanchang in southeastern China's Jiangxi province, Saturday, May 28, 2016.

Wanda executives unveiled their $3 billion "Wanda City" in the southeastern provincial capital of Nanchang to thundering music reminiscent of the "Pirates of the Caribbean" theme and hailed the center as a representative of Chinese entertainment culture in the face of encroaching foreign influences.

Wanda's massive site includes an $800 million China-themed park filled with twirling "porcelain teacup" rides and bamboo forests, an indoor shopping mall with cinemas, restaurants, hotels and the world's largest ocean park. Disney is set to open its own resort in Shanghai—the largest Disneyland in the world—in June.

As a leading player in Chinese firms' globalization push, the property group has invested heavily in the film and cinema business and has spoken openly about its nationalistic mission to fend off Disney in the Chinese market and become an entertainment brand recognized around the world.

In remarks at Saturday's opening, Wang Jianlin, Wanda chairman and China's richest man, did not mention Disney by name but said Chinese people "fawned" over Western imports.

"Chinese culture led in the world's for 2,000 years, but since the last 300 years, because of our lagging development and the invasion of foreign cultures, we have more or less lacked confidence in our own culture," Wang said. "We want to be a model for Chinese private enterprise, and we want to establish a global brand for Chinese firms."

Earlier this month he told Chinese state television in an interview that Disney's foray into China would crumble under more competitive pricing from his group, and warned that the "the frenzy of Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck and the era of blindly following them has passed."

Wanda's dealmaking has been similarly aggressive as it quickly diversifies away from China's weakening real estate market.

The group purchased U.S.-based AMC Theaters cinema chain in 2012 for $2.5 billion and paid $3.5 billion for Legendary Entertainment—the Hollywood studio behind the Batman franchise—earlier this year as it ramped up its international push.

Seeking to capitalize on China's rising middle class, developers are planning dozens of Chinese theme park, along with projects from U.S. firms like Universal Studios, DreamWorks and Six Flags. But instead of seeking to capture China's top tier cities like Beijing or Shanghai, Wanda has built parks in smaller but still massive cities like Wuhan, where it regularly presents the "The Han Show"—a Cirque du Soleil-style acrobatic performance that's based on the traditional culture of the Han, China's largest ethnic group.

Even so, there were signs of Disney's presence in Wanda City. Tourists who opted against paying 198 yuan (about $30) for the theme park and headed for the shopping mall were greeted by what looked like a woman in a Snow White costume as well as storm troopers, the armored soldiers from the Star Wars franchise owned by Disney.

A Uniqlo store was fully stocked with Disney merchandise and sold stacks of Mickey Mouse T-shirts for about $12 each.

In response to a question about the presence of Disney characters, Wanda said in a statement that the company "does not control the promotional activities of retailers."

Carlos Vives feels like a kid riding a bike with Shakira

NEW YORK (AP)—Carlos Vives hopes the video for "La bicicleta (The bicycle)" that he and Shakira shot recently in Colombia will reflect how much fun the pair had filming it.

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In this Feb. 8, 2015 file photo, Carlos Vives poses in the press room at the 57th annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles.

The superstars made a splash last week in their native country while filming the clip of their first collaboration, which was released Friday. They went from Vives' Santa Marta to Barranquilla, where Shakira is from, catching the attention of the locals.

"The work was intense but also delightful. Both for Shaki and for me, being back in our territory, plus the emotional load that this had for us, it was wonderful. We were really happy riding our bikes, singing on our bikes," the 54-year-old Vives told The Associated Press by phone from Cartagena, Colombia.

"We were kids again," he added enthusiastically. "We wanted to do everything barefoot. We strolled happily to several places. ... And watching Shaki contented, happy, reuniting with her friends, with her people, I think that the video registered a very, very special energy."

"La bicicleta" is the first single of Vives' next album, "La fiesta de todos (Everybody's Party)," planned for early 2017. The video, directed by Jaume De Laiguana, will be ready in about four weeks, Vives said.

"The song has this spirit of freedom and freshness and we were able to give it some of the local sounds. We rescued those Millo flutes so typical of Shakira land, from the Barranquillero musicality, from its Carnival, and blended them with those vallenato accordions of ours," he said. "It is truly a modern song but in its content and essence, it has many elements of our region, and that connected us."

The collaboration happened after Vives presented his record label, Sony, with proposed songs for his upcoming album, the follow-up to his 2014 Grammy-winning "Mas + Corazon profundo (More + Deep Heart)."

"Shakira listened to part of the material. She loved the song and asked me if she could work on it with me," he said. "Shaki is a producer, Shaki is also a songwriter, so she gave the song her touch."

On his new album, Vives will maintain the style that has made him one of the vallenato voices most recognized outside of Colombia.

"I keep myself in that music territory that we began exploring 25 years ago, I've always been there," said the singer-songwriter, whose hits include "La Gota Fria (The Cold Front)," ''La Tierra del Olvido (The Land of Oblivion)" and "Fruta Fresca (Fresh Fruit)."

"My proposal is always to go and rediscover that path that doesn't stop surprising us. I always follow ... that rock from my village, that modern sound that preserves much of the tradition but also makes use of new sounds."

Loss, accusations mark a turbulent few days for Johnny Depp

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Johnny Depp seemed the picture of rock star cool as he played guitar onstage in Portugal with his band, the Hollywood Vampires. An ocean away, he is facing serious accusations.

A judge on Friday ordered Depp to stay away from estranged wife, Amber Heard, after she accused the Oscar-nominated actor of repeatedly hitting her during a recent fight and leaving her face bruised.

Depp's publicist has not responded to a request for comment, and the "Pirates of the Caribbean" star made no mention of the allegations during his Friday night concert in Lisbon.

Depp appeared on stage puffing a small cigar and playing rhythm guitar to a large crowd that had gathered for a Rock in Rio concert. The 52-year-old was introduced to the cheering audience as "the wings of the vampire" by band-member Alice Cooper.

AP

Actress Amber Heard leaves Los Angeles Superior Court court on Friday, May 27, 2016, after giving a sworn declaration that her husband Johnny Depp threw her cellphone at her during a fight Saturday, striking her cheek and eye.

The restraining order was issued on the day Depp's latest film, "Alice Through the Looking Glass," opened in theaters and caps a turbulent week for the star. His mother died May 20 and Heard filed for divorce on Monday. On Friday, she appeared in court with a bruise on her right cheek below the eye, saying Depp threw her cellphone at her during a fight.

Heard's filing alleges a history of abuse throughout her relationship with Depp, which started after they met on the set of the 2011 film "The Rum Diary." A judge ordered Depp to stay away from Heard and not to attempt contact with her before a June 17 hearing.

Los Angeles Police responded to a domestic violence call at the couple's home on May 21, but the person who made the call declined to file charges and officers determined no crime occurred.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Carl H. Moor rejected Heard's request that Depp attend a year's worth of anger management classes and the protective order extend to her dog, a Yorkshire terrier named Pistol. The status of the couple's other dog, Boo, was not immediately known. (The dogs received worldwide publicity last year when Heard brought them into Australia without proper documentation. Heard and Depp released an awkward video last month apologizing for the action.)

Depp's attorney, Laura Wasser, declined to comment. Wasser wrote in a court filing that Depp was out of the country and would agree to a mutual stay-away order. Heard is seeking spousal support but Depp's response filed Wednesday asked a judge to deny the request.

Justin Bieber, Skrillex sued for copyright infringement

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Justin Bieber and Skrillex have been sued for copyright infringement by singer-songwriter Casey Dienel for the multi-platinum song "Sorry."

Dienel, who performs as White Hinterland, filed suit against the two performers and their publishing companies, Universal Music and co-writers in federal court in Nashville, Tennessee, on Wednesday. The suit claims "Sorry" uses a vocal riff from her song "Ring the Bell."

Representatives for Bieber and Skrillex didn't immediately return requests for comment Friday.

Dienel's song was released on her album "Baby" in 2014 on the independent record label Dead Oceans. Dienel's lawsuit said her attorney sent a letter to Bieber's lawyer and manager explaining the infringement but they didn't respond.

Dienel is asking for unspecified damages and attorney's fees.

Sam Mendes: It's time for a new James Bond director

HAY-ON-WYE, Wales (AP)—Sam Mendes is finished with James Bond.

The acclaimed British director of "Skyfall" and "Spectre" said Saturday he will not direct the next installment in the popular spy series that started with Sean Connery's startling 1962 performance in "Dr. No."

"It was an incredible adventure, I loved every second of it," Mendes said of his five years working on the thriller franchise. "But I think it's time for somebody else."

Mendes revealed his plans to step down from the series to an audience at the Hay Festival of literature in Wales. A former theatre director whose films include the Oscar-winner "American Beauty" and the somber "Revolutionary Road," Mendes said he hoped the next Bond director would come from an "unexpected direction," just as he had.

His first effort, "Skyfall," was a huge hit with critics and fans alike, with many saying he brought new depth to the characters. "Spectre" was also a substantial success, although some critics said it seemed a bit tired.

Mendes himself indicated a desire to work on something fresh.

"I'm a storyteller. And at the end of the day, I want to make stories with new characters," he said.

Mendes' announcement clarifies that he won't direct the next film, but it's not yet clear if Daniel Craig will return for a fifth turn as 007.

AP

In this Monday, Nov. 2, 2015 file photo, director Sam Mendes poses for photographers at the regional premiere of the latest James Bond film, "Spectre," at the National Auditorium in Mexico City.

Tom Hiddleston and Idris Elba are among his rumored replacements. Both are popular with moviegoers, but Mendes said lobbying by fans is pointless because the decision will be made solely by the series' producer, Barbara Broccoli.

Woman sees herself as abuser after couple's stormy breakups

DEAR ABBY: After reading some of your columns concerning abusive, controlling relationships, I realize that I am in one, but not in the way you assume. I am the abuser.

My boyfriend and I have been together for a year and a half. Most of the time it's great—we have similar interests, and we're both not afraid to speak our minds, which makes our playful debates fun. Our downfall, which has caused two breakups, is my temper.

I have an explosive, flash temper. When he does something I dislike, such as hang out with a female friend, stay out late drinking, talk about things I find annoying or insensitive, I go on a rampage. I say heartless things, threaten to leave him and do everything in my power to make him feel guilty.

As soon as I get a few minutes to gather my thoughts and cool down, I realize how out of control I have become, and I profusely attempt to apologize and make up for it. But the damage is already done. I have concluded that I am a major part of the problem, and I am desperately trying to change my ways: I think before I speak, assess before I assume, and try to ask polite questions rather than blindly accuse.

I love him, I truly do. Recently he has told me he wants to help me work on my temper and emotional issues in the hope of strengthening our relationship and becoming more serious. But is staying with him really the right thing to do if I only seem to cause him so much grief?

SORRY IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR SORRY: Recognizing that you have a problem was an important first step. Staying with your boyfriend is the right thing to do IF you are willing to get professional help so you can understand why you lose your temper, and gain the tools to control it.

Regardless of whether this relationship leads to marriage, it is crucial that you learn to control your behavior because, if you have children in the future, the inability to do so could be devastating to them. You can't unring the bell.

DEAR ABBY: I want to ask my parents—my mom, dad, stepmom and stepdad—if they have planned for their deaths. I know this may seem weird, but after my grandfather died, all of them kept saying how relieved they were that he was able to make all of his own arrangements.

I know funerals are expensive, and since I am an only child and have so many parents, this worries me. How can I bring this up? Can you help?

LOOKING AHEAD

DEAR LOOKING AHEAD: A way to raise the subject would be to refer to your grandfather's death and the comments your parents made afterward. Then ask what arrangements they have made regarding advance directives for health care, funerals, cremation, etc.

It's always wise to plan ahead and put one's wishes in writing, and if you are an adult, you should also do this. If you have already put your wishes in writing, you could start the conversation by informing them—and then ask what their plans are.

DEAR READERS: Along with the millions of Americans who are observing this Memorial Day, I would like to add my prayer of thanks to those men and women who sacrificed their lives in service to our country. May they rest in peace.

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By Bill Waterson

SUSIE, WANNA HEAR A SECRET?
SURE.
I THINK THE PRINCIPAL IS A SPACE ALIEN SPY.
HE'S TRYING TO CORRUPT OUR YOUNG INNOCENT MINDS SO WE'LL BE UNABLE TO RESIST WHEN HIS PEOPLE INVADE EARTH!
PROMISE NOT TO TELL ANYONE?
DON'T WORRY.
WATTERSON
5-30

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

REMEMBER THE OLD DAYS, WHEN WE WERE BORED ALL THE TIME?
YEAH
THIS IS JUST LIKE THAT
YEAH
IT'S NICE TO KNOW WE'VE STILL GOT IT
YOU DA MAN
JIM DAVIS 5-30

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

WHY DON'T YOU SELF-PUBLISH?
I MAY.
BUT I'M WAITING TO HEAR FROM A FEW MORE PUBLISHERS.
I GUESS I'M KIND OF OLD-SCHOOL THAT WAY.
YEAH. JUST THAT WAY.
I TOLD YOU. THESE PARACHUTE PANTS ARE GONNA BE HUGE THIS SUMMER.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

SAYS HERE WE DOGS DON'T SWEAT BY SALIVATING...
WE SWEAT THROUGH THE PADS OF OUR FEET.
ANOTHER REASON FOR YOU NOT TO BORROW MY PENNY LOAFERS.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

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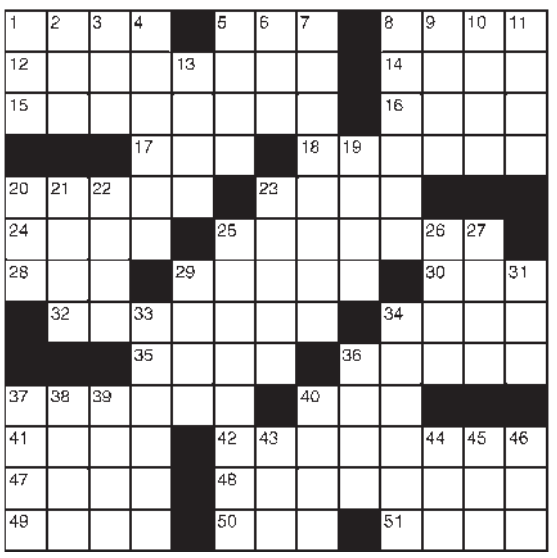

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Happy Birthday: Discipline will be required. You'll face temptation, uncertainty and confusion due to meddling, manipulation and underhandedness. Trust in yourself and your abilities to advance in the right direction. Prepare to move forward on your own. Initiate the change that suits you best, and don't worry about what others do or say. Concentrate on personal developments, not helping others. Your numbers are 7, 18, 22, 24, 33, 37, 49.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Network if you want to advance and build a solid foundation for future prospects. Not only will you meet some great business contacts, but you will also make new friends. Romance is favored. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Being discreet will help you avoid meddling and getting into trouble. Refrain from taking on too much. Decide what's important and stay focused on finishing what you start. Use your intelligence and stamina to overcome whatever obstacles you face. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): You are headed toward an uncertain situation. Don't be a follower. Look out for your interests and avoid any situation that will cost you emotionally, physically or financially. Devote your attention to personal improvements and romantic stability. ✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Share your ideas and broaden your horizons. Making innovative alterations at home or inviting someone to visit will be a learning experience. Sharing your plans and emotions with someone will help you become more self-aware. ✪✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Self-discipline and physical improvements will help bring about the changes that will make you feel good and build the confidence you need to thrive. Romance will improve your attitude and your love life. Strut your stuff. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Nothing will go as planned. Be ready to step in at the last moment and make whatever changes are required to complete what you need to get done. Don't let a personal incident lead to a mistake at work. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Participate and show everyone what you have to offer. Short trips, interviews and meetings will help you position yourself for advancement. Think big and be ready to take on more responsibilities. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): You'll gain interest from others if you promote your services. Your ability to tap into what's hot will guide you toward a prosperous opportunity. An unusual partnership will help you reach your destination quickly. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Strive to make positive changes. Taking better care of your appearance or rearranging your surroundings at home will give you the courage to forge ahead. Don't let friends or relatives interfere with your plans. ✪✪

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★ 5/30

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Friday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 4/25

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Observe what's going on around you and consider your next moves. Your insight, courage and resourcefulness will put you in an ideal position to bring about the changes you want to make professionally and at home. ✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Stick close to home and refuse to let anyone persuade you to do something you don't want to do. Bring about the changes that will make you happy and position you for success. A romantic gesture will be well-received. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Listen and learn. Don't underestimate the competition you face. Use your intuitive intelligence to make strategic moves to help you advance. A secretive approach will give you the upper hand. Use discipline instead of emotional manipulation. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive, original and energetic. You are curious and a dreamer.

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By DAVID OUELLET

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1 Supervisor: $1,200-$1,300/mo. College degree and at least 3 years' experience as a supervisor in a grocery store required. Email resume to dolim@hanmisaipan.com.

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2 Automotive Mechanic (Radiator): $6.05-$6.55/hr. At least five years of experience, and specialty in radiator repair required. Email resume to grace@hanmisaipan.com.

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1 Restaurant Manager (Korean cuisine): $6.05-$6.55/hr. At least 2 years' managerial experience in a restaurant specializing in Korean cuisine required. Email resume to kl@hanmisaipan.com.

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1 Store Manager: $1,200-$1,300/mo. At least 2 years of experience as a clothing store manager is required. Korean speaking and writing fluency is required. Email resume to treasure@hanmisaipan.com.

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2 Waiter/Waitress: $6.05-$6.55/hr. At least 2 years' experience required. Email resume to wing@hanmisaipan.com.

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1 MAINTENANCE REPAIRER $6.05/Hr 4yrs exp. JJ BROTHER CORP jikangahn@gmail.com.

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JVA for YANO Enterprises, Inc.
Dba: Kinpachi Restaurant

Yano Enterprises, Inc.:

Assistant Manager (1): Be able to assist the general manager in the supervision of business establishment to ensure the restaurant & stores efficiency & profitable operations; work closely with the personnel in preparation & processing of reservations, greets & answers customers inquiry, patrons complaints & resolve problems. Prepare advertising campaigns of the restaurant & stores to attract customers. Assist in doing daily inventory of foods, merchandise and assets of the business. Duties include but are not limited to delegating authority & assigning responsibilities, reviewing financial transactions & monitoring budget limitations, & be able to present written & oral reports on the company's financial & operational status. Must have Japanese oral skills & knowledge of Japanese food products.

Restaurant Supervisor (3): Must be qualified in restaurant operations, customer service, menu planning, & reservation operations. Must be responsible for the supervision of staff as to dining areas cleanliness in appearance & outside grounds. Ensure any customers issues are addressed immediately and resolved in a manner which exceeds the customer's expectation. Also need to have basic Japanese oral skills. Must have an extensive knowledge of Japanese food products & be able to make orders & preparations.

Accountant (2): Must be efficient in handling financial records, statements, & reports. Have knowledge on all Taxes computation & filing. Must be able to budget & estimate purchasing costs & requisitions of merchandise necessary in the company.

Restaurant Waitress (4): Greeting Customers. Must be able to speak basic Japanese & efficient English & have a friendly & outgoing personality. Should be knowledgeable of the restaurant dishes, familiar with the entire menu the establishment offers. Can introduce & recommend daily specials as well as the restaurant's regular menu items. Continued services after the meal have been served and accept payments & other duties related.

Cook (8): Must be experienced & skilled in preparing Japanese cuisine including but not limited to sushi, sashimi, & tempura. Can prepare all menu items according to quantity menus, must know cutting and preparation techniques for each type of fish used in sushi rolls as well as how to prepare rice, sauces and seasonal ingredients, must ensure that ingredients are fresh, colorful and always in stock, that the all-important knives are sharp and clean, and that all equipment is in working order. Must be able to maintain kitchen & observe safety & sanitary food handling practices as well as other related duties.

General Maintenance (3): Must have a valid CNMI driver's license and flexible in work hours. Duties may involve skills in electrical, plumbing, carpentry, masonry, painting, landscape or maintain grounds of property using hand or power tools or equipment. Can typically perform variety of task such as sod laying, mowing, trimming, planting, watering, fertilizing, digging, raking and installing, repairing buildings, floors or stairs.

Additional Requirements: All applicants must be of good health and have a good moral character, must be able to follow grooming standards, must be able to obtain required food handler health certificate, must be able to provide current police clearance, with reliable transportation and must agree to drug test. Can work in flexible hours including weekends and night time.

Applicants of positions listed above except Restaurant Waitress (3 months work experience) are required to have a minimum of 2 - 4 year experience. Applications can be picked up at Kinpachi Restaurant in Coral Tree Avenue, Garapan.

We are an equal opportunity employer. Qualified applicants will be considered.
Interested applicants must apply in person, applications can be picked up at Kinpachi Restaurant in Coral Tree Avenue, Garapan.
Please no phone calls.

CORAL OCEAN GOLF RESORT

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Front Desk Agent (Japanese Market)
Salary : $6.05 to $8.00
High School Diploma or equivalent. Have at least three months to one year of related work experienced. Knowledge of principle and processes for providing excellent personal and customer service skills. including handling large group of arrivals. Excellent interpersonal skills with a positive attitude, professional, neat and well groomed at all times. Must be able to speak and understand English and preferably fluent in Japanese language. Computer proficiency and email communication. Knowledge in any Hotel/Golf System software is a plus.

Maintenance Supervisor
Salary : $7.00 to $8.55
Engineering Degree or related course is an asset. At least three years of work related experienced. Knowledge in selecting, maintaining and monitoring daily operations of power plant, generators, water pumps, plumbing, electrical, welding, heating, cooling, ventilation, furnishing, fixtures, painting, carpentry, troubleshooting, and mechanical equipment. Must be able to work under the sun, can stand for prolonged period of time. Computer literate, and possess email communication skills. Knowledge in all safety and hazardous standard. Has the ability to be extent flexibility that include bending, twisting, and lifting at least 50lbs. Knowledge of diesel and gasoline equipment operations. Highly qualified in supervising subordinates and possess leadership.

Golf Course Starter
Salary: $6.05 to $7.00
High School Diploma or equivalent. At least few months of related work experienced. Knowledge of principle and processes for providing excellent personal and guest service skills. Be able to speak other language but not required. Must be able to work under the sun. Be able to stand prolonged period of time and capable of lifting at least 50lbs. Must be able to acquire driver's license. Possess knowledgeable in the rules of golf game.

Bartender
Salary: $6.05 to $8.00
High School Diploma or equivalent. At least one year experienced working as a Bartender. Knowledge in different variety of cocktail, tropical, alcoholic or non-alcohol drinks. Must be able to create and possess broad ideas for mixing, creating and serving drinks. Excellent interpersonal skills with a positive attitude, professional, neat and well groomed at all times. A "People Person", acquired hospitality related program and speaking additional languages preferred but not required. Knowledge of principles and processes for providing customer and personal services including handling large group of customers. Be able to stand for prolonged period of time. Able to obtain Food Handler Certification

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Suwaso Corporation would like to invite all qualified US workers to send/submit their resume/application form to HR.COGR@eland.co.kr not later than May 31, 2016 at 4:00 PM. All qualified applicants must be willing to work in flexible shifts, days, evenings, weekend and holidays and be able to stand for prolonged period of time. Provide at least two recommendations letter and proof of certification for the position, if needed. Application form is available in the hotel lobby and HR Office. Incomplete application may not be considered for assessment. Fill up the form completely prior submission. No phone calls please.

Saipan Adventures, Inc.

is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:

(3) Customer Service Specialist
High school diploma or equivalent. Two (2) months work experience in Travel or Tour operation or sales or service based work environment. Fluent in both written and oral communication in the English and Chinese languages. Able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends.

(1) Customer Service Agent
High School Diploma or equivalent with at least two (2) months work experience in travel/tour operation or sales or service based work environment, room reservations and vendor relations. Must be proficient in Microsoft Office applications (Excel, MS Word, Outlook, Power Point). Fluent in both written and oral communication in the English and Chinese languages. Able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Able to drive tourists safely through various tour routes.

Interested applicants may send their applications to savi_recruitment@tanholdings.com.
To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than June 10, 2016. Applications for Employment are available at the Human Resources Department located at the Century Tours Office, Kanoa Resort, Beach Road, Susupe Village. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

Saipan Adventures is an Equal Opportunity Employer
Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and Persons with Disabilities are urged to apply.

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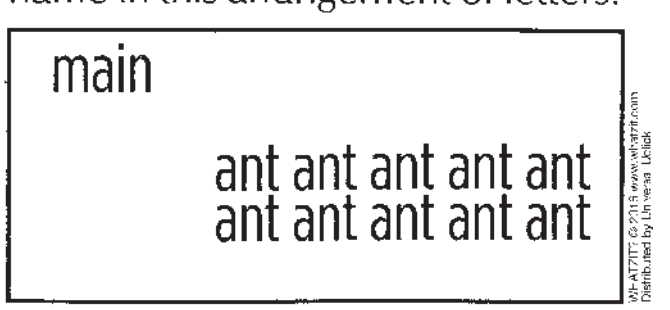

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P.O.Box 500439, Saipan, MP 96950

Job Vacancy Announcement

(1) Dive Instructor
Preferably can speak Korean and Japanese.

Must possess current Scuba Diving instructor license from a Professional Scuba Diving Association (PADI, NAUI, CMAS). Must have at least 2 to 5 years experience.

No phone call please. Interested U.S. applicants can send their resume to acctg.cmlc@gmail.com

Charms Inc.
Job Vacancy Announcement

(1) Engine Marine Mechanic
- Must have 2 years experience and able to inspect, repair, replace engine and machinery

(1) Beautician Manager
- Must have 2 years experience, knowledgeable in Skin Care and manage/operate a salon

(1) All-around Beautician
- Must have 3 years experience, knowledgeable in all services provided in a salon, especially with skin care

(1) Beautician/Masseuse
- Must have 3 years experience, knowledgeable in all salon and massage services

Interested applicants, please call 233-9391 or submit resume to P.O. Box 503332, Saipan, MP 96950

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Vacancy Announcement
(2)Trash Collector
Atleast High School graduate. With valid driver's license. Needs to be physically fit and willing to work flexible time and must be hardworking.
Submit Applications To:
AYD Services Inc. Tel.# 235-7011

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
Aquaville Inc. need:
(1) Sales Advertising Agent
Must have 3 years experience
Contact No. 323-2916

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
Blue Star Corporation need:
(1) Tour Coordinator
Can speak Korean and English
Must have 3 years experience
Contact No. 323-1259

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
(1) Computer User Support Specialist:
Bachelor's Degree with 5 years experience Proficiency in network troubleshooting and configuration, Microsoft Operating System & Server, Linux, Java Programming, Autocad, and Computer Software and Hardware Troubleshooting.
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2 COOK
$6.05/hr. at least 2 yrs work experience
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United Brothers Inc.
Is looking for the following:
- Auto Mechanic (3)
- Painter (3)
- Body Repairer (3)
- Machinist (3)
- H.E. Operator (3)

Minimum of 5 years experience.
Call 323-1328 for inquiries.

CHINESE GOODS INC.
Job Vacancy Announcement
1 – COOK
- Minimum of 2 years work related experience
- Knowledgeable in Chinese cuisine
- Able to work flexible work hours/schedule

3 – WAITERS/WAITRESS
- Must have at least 3 years' work experience. Preferably someone who speaks Chinese language. Flexible hours.

Mail resume to P.O. Box 502351, Saipan MP 96950

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AMBYTH SHIPPING

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VESSEL BOARDING AGENT

POSITION MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:
- Must be High School graduate.
- Must possess a valid A/B driver's license
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Good organizational, planning and prioritization skills.
- Proficient in MS Office Word and Excel.
- Six months to one-year customer service experience in marine services industry preferred.

Interested applicants can apply in person at Pacific Trading Bldg., Pale Arnold Road, Saipan, Monday to Friday from 8:00AM to 5:00 PM or send your resume to hr@ambythsaipan.com no later than June 15, 2016. Ambyth Shipping Micronesia, Inc. has a Drug-Free Workplace Policy in effect and requires the successful candidate to submit to a pre-employment Drug Test.

Ambyth Shipping Micronesia, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(1) Garbage Collector Supervisor – Experienced in supervising and coordinating activities of workers engaged in collecting garbage and other refuse and transporting to disposal plants or areas. With valid driving license. Hardworking and trustworthy. Willing to work flexible time.

(2) Trash Collector – At least High School graduate. With valid driver's license. Needs to be physically fit and willing to work flexible time and must be hardworking.

(2) Maintenance – At least high school graduate . A valid driver's license. Ability to use efficiently various power and hand tools. Knows how to follow oral written instructions and can communicate efficiently and fluently in both witten and oral form.

(1) Auto Mechanic – Must have atleast 2 yrs. work related experience. Excellent diagnostic/ repair skills of vehicle systems. High self motivation.

(2) Househelper – Knowledge in cooking Chinese,Japanese, Thai, Cuisine is a must. Experienced in household chores like cleaning, ironing, gardening, paying bills, and baby sitting. With valid driver's license.

Submit Applications To:
AYD Services Inc. Tel. # (670)235-7011

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(1) Maintenance – At least high school graduate . A valid driver's license. Ability to use efficiently various power and hand tools. Knows how to follow oral written instructions and can communicate efficiently and fluently in both witten and oral form.

(1) Graphic Artist – Bachelors Degree in Fine Arts. Minimum of 5 yrs. experience as Graphic Artist. Proficient in Illustrator/Photoshop CS5.

(1) Accounting Clerk – At least 2 yrs. experience. Proficient in various computer software, such as MS Excel, Word, Peach Tree & other Accounting Softwares.

(4) Screen Printer – At least 2 yrs. experience. Knowledge in screen printing equipment & machines. Able to work flexible hours.

(1) Multi Task - Graphic Designer/Screen Printer – At least 2 yrs. experience. Knowledge in screen printing equipment & machines and work related experience.

Submit Applications To:
Saipan Apparel Printing, LLC. Tel. 235-1680

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(2) Sewing Machine Operator – High School Diploma or general education degree; or one to 2 yrs. related experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience.

(2) Accounting Clerk – At least 2 yrs. experience. Proficient in various computer software, such as MS Excel, Word, Peach Tree & other Accounting Softwares.

(1) Store Keeper – At least High School Graduate and with 2 yrs. experience. Trustworthy and willing to work flexible time

(1) Inventory Clerk – High School Diploma or general education degree; or one to 2 yrs. related experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience.

Submit Applications To:
Pam Pacific Enterprises Corp. *dba* **Pena House Boutique/Iridescent Boutique**
Tel. (670)235-7270

Century Insurance Company Ltd. is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

Accountant
Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and Accounting with at least 5 years work-related experience in insurance financial management and payroll and general accounting procedures with emphasis on receivable, payable, and payroll management. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system, Geniisys and MS Word and Excel software. Payroll accountant must possess experience in electronic processing of timesheets, allotments, and standard and government deductions. Must be able to work under time pressure and flexible hours.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at Century Insurance Company Ltd. Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Tuesday, June 7, 2016.

Century Insurance Company Ltd. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Qualified women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

TINIAN FUEL SERVICES, INC
PO Box 520800, Tinian, MP 96952 • Tel. (670) 433-4427 • Fax. (670) 433-4329

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Open Date: May 24, 2016 • Close Date: May 30, 2016

Position : (1) Maintenance Technician
Salary : $1,500 per month
Qualification : High School Diploma or Vocational (3) yrs experience
Link : http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/49-9071.00

Position : (1) Housekeeper
Salary : $6.05 - $6.55 per hour
Qualification : High School Diploma (3) yrs experience
Link : http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/37-2012.00

Fax resume to (670) 433-4329 on or before May 30, 2016.

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Atkins Kroll (Saipan), Inc.
(An Inchcape Company)

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Car Rental Agent (2 openings)
- High school diploma required. Minimum two years experience in car rental; Computer literate; Must be punctual and able to work night shifts; must be able to effectively communicate with customers of different nationalities; and able to work under pressure in a fast-paced working environment.

Auto Detailer (1 opening)
- Minimum two years experience in automotive detailing. Knowledge of Toyota vehicles a plus.

Service Advisor (1 opening); Body Shop Estimator (1 opening)
- High school diploma required. Minimum two years experience in related field. Computer literate, experience in auto dealership software preferred. Must have excellent communication and interpersonal skills. Must be detail oriented, have excellent paperwork skills and well organized.

COMPETITIVE WAGES & EXCELLENT BENEFITS
Benefits: Medical and Dental Insurance Plan, 401k Retirement Plan, Long Term Disability and Life Insurance.

Drug test required. If you meet these qualifications submit your resume to hr@akguam.net or apply in person at AK Saipan Finance and Admin Office.
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CHONG'S CORPORATION
Job Vacancy Announcement

Six (6) TECHNICIANS-AIR CONDITIONING & REFRIGERATION
- Install, service and repair of Central Air-conditioning, Refrigeration and Ventilation Systems
- Repair and service of Chilled Water Air-conditioning System
- Perform repair and trouble analysis of VAV and VVT Control Systems
- Perform Computer based Control System

Other requirements:
- Minimum 5-year work experience required
- EPA Section 608 (Certifications required)
- Maintenance Technician & Electrical Safety Course in accordance with 29CFR 1910 Standard (Preferable)
- Must possess good communication skill

One (1) HEAD TECHNICIAN-AIR CONDITIONING & REFRIGERATION
- Read and interpret blueprints, technical drawings, schematics and computer-generated reports
- Establish and coordinate maintenance and safety procedures, service schedule and supply of materials required to maintain equipment
- Oversee installation, operation, maintenance and repair to ensure equipment are functioning according to specifications
- Install, service and repair of Central Air-conditioning, Refrigeration and Ventilation Systems
- Repair and service of Chilled Water Air-conditioning System
- Perform repair and trouble analysis of VAV and VVT Control Systems
- Perform Computer based Control System

Other requirements:
- Minimum 5-year work experience required
- 4-year Bachelor of Science degree from reputable College or University
- Must possess good communication skill

Two (2) SHEET METAL WORKERS
- Fabricate and install sheet metal & fiberglass products & equipment such as ducts, control boxes, drain pipes & furnace casings
- Set-up and operate fabricating equipment and machines, soldering and welding equipment
- Must be knowledgeable in interpreting plans and specifications
- Minimum 5-year work experience required

One (1) HVAC/R SALES REPRESENTATIVE
- Knowledgeable of HVAC-R Equipment and Parts sale
- Knowledgeable of product selection, listing of order and inventory
- Must be proficient on Computer Software such as Peachtree Accounting System, MS Excel and MS Word
- Minimum 3-year work experience required

E-mail resume to chongs@pticom.com

Cosmos Distributing Co. (Spn) Ltd. Is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following postions:

Sales Representatives (2)
Associate's degree in Sales & Marketing or Accounting with minimum of 3 years experience in sales. Proven skills in product marketing and providing excellent customer service are required. Must be proficient in MS Excel and Word for preparation of reports and Outlook for email. Must provide for his/her own reliable transportation for out-of-office work activities and must also be able to meet monthly sales targets. Applicant needs to be able to lift at least 50 lbs. Extensive contacts in various businesses and industries are advantage. Available to work on evenings, holidays, weekends.

Sales Representatives – Hospitality Industry and Lubricants
A minimum of 3 years work related experience required with a successful sales record. Preferably with Associate's Degree in Sales & Marketing. Sales experience with hotel, F&B, and restaurants together with knowledge of their inventory and supply operations an advantage. Knowledge of petroleum lubricants is a plus. Proven good tract records in product marketing and excellent customer service are required. Must be proficient in MS Excel and Word for preparation of report and Outlook for email. Must provide for his/her own reliable transportation for out-of-office work activities and must also be able to meet monthly sales targets. Applicant needs to be able to lift at least 50 lbs. Extensive contacts in various businesses and industries are advantage. Available to work on evenings, holidays, weekends.

Business Operations Manager
Graduate of 4-year Business or Accounting course and at least 6 years of progressive management experience in wholesaling and product distribution. Minimum of 5 years general management experience in warehouse, sales, purchasing and distribution activities. Must be proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) software, MAS90/Sage Accounting Software and Microsoft software. Must have a solid track record in meeting business objective.

Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment. Salaries will be commensurate with qualifications and experiences. For applications to be considered, they should be sent to hrd@cosmosdistributing.com not later than June 15, 2016.

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SENIOR PROPERTY & CASUALTY

CLAIMS ADJUSTER

- 5 years or more actual experience as a Property & Casualty Claims adjuster.
- Engineering and/or Accounting Degree Preferred.
- Experience with Ultramate and Karpower a plus.
- Experience in investigating fraud and arson cases a must.
- Strong written communication skills and ability to work independently.
- Experience and ability to investigate and evaluate large claims and write comprehensive reports.
- Basic computer skills with strong organizational and time management skills.
- Can handle large commercial losses with minimum supervision
- Must possess strong negotiation skills
- Salary will be commensurate with experience.

Benefits Include: Sick leave, paid vacation, Holiday pay, employee discounts, medical, dental and group life insurance. Please apply in person at: Moylans Insurance office located on Beach Road in Garapan. Deadline to submit: 5pm June 9, 2016.
No phone calls please.

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CHAMPION FINANCE

Champion Finance is looking for Dynamic individuals who would like to be a part of our team for the following post.

Loan / Financial Manager

Duties:

- Review loan agreements to ensure that they are complete and accurate according to policy.
- Approve, reject, or coordinate the approval or rejection of lines of credit or commercial, real estate, or personal loans.
- Analyze applicants' financial status, credit, and property evaluations to determine feasibility of granting loans.
- Review collection reports to determine the status of collections and the amounts of outstanding balances.
- Set credit policies, credit lines, procedures and standards in conjunction with senior managers.
- Oversee the flow of cash or financial instruments.
- Prepare financial or regulatory reports required by laws, regulations, or boardsof directors.
- Develop or analyze information to assess the current or future financial status of firms.
- Evaluate financial reporting systems, accounting or collection procedures, or investment activities and make recommendations for changes to procedures, operating systems, budgets, or other financial control functions.
- Establish procedures for custody or control of assets, records, loan collateral, or securities to ensure safekeeping.
- Plan, direct, and coordinate risk and insurance programs of establishments to control risks and losses.

Education/Experience:

- Bachelor's Degree in Finance, Business Administration or Accounting and 2 years' experience in Finance will be a plus. Salary will be discussed upon interview.

Interested candidates are requested to submit their resumes or pick up an employment application at Champion Finance, 3rd floor, Marianas Business Plaza, Suite 316-B or email championfinancecnmi@gmail.com

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Saipan Tribune, Inc. is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

Accounting and Circulations Manager
College degree with financial management major and 3 years of progressive financial management and newspaper circulation experience. Minimum of 5 years experience in directing the preparation of financial reports and implementing cash management and newspaper circulation activities. Excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills to manage a work team and independent contractors. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) system and Microsoft software. CPA not required.

Associate Editor
Associates degree in Journalism, Creative Writing, English, or any other related course with at least 5 years experience, including newsroom management, story evaluation, and production. Must have strong rewriting, headlining, and proofreading skills and must be able to meet tight deadlines. Preferably with an extensive experience in sports writing.

Circulations Coordinator
Associates degree with a minimum of 2 years progressively responsible work experience. Requirements include professional customer service and good driving skills. Must be able to routinely lift and move bundles of newspapers up to 50 lbs.

Graphic Designer (3)
Associate's degree in Graphic Design or other related field. Minimum of 3 years work experience doing computer graphics and newspaper layout. Proficiency in Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator and Adobe InDesign is a must. Must be familiar with offset printing process, computer peripherals, and Mac operating system. Strong organizational and self-management skills, including the ability to multi-task and prioritize are required. Can work flexible hours, weekends, and holidays, depending on demand.

Managing Editor
Associates degree in Journalism, Creative Writing, English, or any related course. At least 8 years progressive journalism and newspaper management experience with a strong story evaluation and production background. Must have rigorous proofreading skills and able to meet tight deadlines. Knows how to use InDesign or Quark Express and must be adept in the various technical aspects of newspaper publishing.

Reporter (2)
Associates degree in Journalism, Creative Writing, English, or any related course; At least 3 years work related experience; Above-average writing skills and a competent grasp of grammar and syntax; With rigorous standards for accuracy and detail; Ability to work within deadlines and in a stressful environment; Knowledgeable in all types of writing, including news and features; With photography skills. Must have own reliable transportation

Sports Reporter
Associates degree in Journalism, Creative Writing, English or any related course; At least 2 years experience in sports writing. Above average writing skills, with strong grasp of grammar and syntax. Must be able to write stories based on score sheets. Can work fast within deadlines and in a stressful environment. Fast learner, self-starter, and a team player. Must be able to work on holidays, weekends, late nights, and on a short notice. Must be computer literate and have photography skills. Must have own reliable transportation.

Accountant
Associate's Degree in Finance or Accounting with at least 3 years work-related experience in general accounting procedures with emphasis on receivables and payable management. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system and MS Excel, Word and PowerPoint software. Must be able to work under time pressure and must work flexible hours. CPA not required.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at Saipan Tribune, Inc. Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan or e-mail it to Int_recruitment@tanholdings.com. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Wednesday, June 8, 2016.

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Qualified women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

Century Insurance Company, Ltd. is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

Accountants
Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and Accounting with at least 5 years work-related experience in insurance financial management and payroll and general accounting procedures with emphasis on receivable, payable, and payroll management. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system, GENIISYS and MS Word and Excel software. Payroll accountant must possess experience in electronic processing of timesheets, allotments, and standard and government deductions. Must be able to work under time pressure and flexible hours.

Accounting Manager
Bachelor's degree in Business Administration major in accounting with a minimum 5 years experience in insurance financial management and possess good management ability. Proficient in MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, SAP R3 FICO system, and the insurance Geniisys program. Must possess good understanding of government and regulatory compliance procedures and requirements, excellent communication skills, as well as experience in interpreting financial reports. Preparation of NAIC Annual & Quarterly Statements, knows how to understand actuarial reports and auditing experience an advantage.

General Manager
Bachelor's Degree plus 10 years experience in the insurance business, at least 5 years of that as a general or operations manager in an insurance company. Must possess experience in managing technical underwriting including actual undertaking of risk analysis through risk survey and/or inspections of huge risks. Must have experience in managing reinsurance transactions with reinsurance brokers and reinsurers which involves undertaking of PML, Catastrophe Modeling, Setting Company Risk Retention. Must also be experienced in managing insurance claims handling including setting up of loss reserves in overseeing Claims Manager functions.

System Analyst
Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science/Technology or Management Information Systems with a minimum 4 years experience in computer systems and programming. Must possess a broad knowledge and experience in computer systems, strong problem-solving and analytical skills, and the ability to think logically. Must have knowledge in Oracle server and programming, and a strong experience in insurance database and program – GENIISYS and an in-depth experience in insurance business operations. Must have good interpersonal and communication skills.

Underwriting and Claims Supervisor
Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree plus 5 years of work experience in insurance business particularly in claims, underwriting, and reinsurance. Must also have knowledge, skills and ability to analyze and manipulate enterprise risk management. Must possess above average communication skills, a working knowledge of MS Word and Excel and the insurance software GENIISYS. Must be willing to take cross-functional assignments and adapt to changes necessary for the effective functioning of the organization's business operations.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at Century Insurance Company Ltd. Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Wednesday, June 8, 2016.

Century Insurance Company, Ltd. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Qualified women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

FIESTA Resort & SPA SAIPAN

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Is inviting qualified U.S workers to apply for the following positions

Position: Accounts Payable (1)
Qualifications: College Graduate, Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Major in accounting is preferred. 3 years progressive accounts payable and general accounting experience. Strong knowledge of relevant computer software application particularly SAPS R3 and FICO. Proficient in data entry and management. Must have strong problem and communication skills. Attention to detail and accuracy is essential. Must be able to work under pressure. Able to work a flexible schedule, including weekends and holidays when required.

Position: Maintenance Manager (1)
Qualifications: High School diploma or equivalent. Minimum of (6) years experience in hotel maintenance plus 2 years in supervisory level. Able to supervise, manage and coordinate the activities of mechanics, installers and repairers. Good judgment, decision making skills. Prefer some technical courses. Must know how to read floor plan, and electrical diagram. Valid driver's license and reliable transportation. Must be able to work flexible schedule including holidays, weekends and nights.

Position: Painter (1)
Qualifications: 2 years work experience as a painter. Must have an eye for detail and good judgment. Must be able to carry and lift up to 35 pounds without any assistance. Able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: Plumber (2)
Qualifications: Minimum of 2 years plumbing experience preferably in a hotel or similar large building or complex with central plant. Knowledge of the tools, equipment and materials common to the plumbing trade is required. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather.

Position: General Maintenance Worker (1)
Qualifications: Minimum of 2 years work experience as a handyman preferably in a hotel or in a similar large building or complex with a central plant. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Possession of a valid CNMI driver's license is required. Perform work involving skills of two or more maintenance craft occupations to keep machines, mechanical equipment of the structure of an establishment in repair. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights. High School diploma or equivalent.

Position: Electrician (2)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. Minimum of five (5) years work experience required. Provide access for future maintenance and avoid unreliable wiring, consistent with verification and electrical codes, and other related duties as assigned. Capable of reading schematic diagram, and electrical symbols. Knowledgeable on industrial electricity, circuit breakers, switches and controls. Must work in a flexible way that allows for changes in assignments and priorities depending upon identified needs of the department. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Position: Supervisor, Food & Beverage (4)
Qualifications: Strong customer service skills and people oriented. Must be reliable and self-motivated. Is able to stand for long periods of time and lift up to 25 pounds. Minimum of three (3) years work experience as F&B Supervisor preferably in a hotel. Foreign language skill a plus. Must be able to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Position: Bartender (2)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent with minimum two (2) years work experience in the preparation of mixed cocktails required. Strong communication and interpersonal skills are essential. Able to work flexible hours including evenings and/or weekends.

Position: Director of Food & Beverage (1)
Qualifications: A degree in hotel and restaurant management id preferred or minimum of 4 years work experience in a hotel food and beverage environment. Experience with and good understanding o financial and operational management of a hotel food and beverage operation. Excellent customer service skills and a passion for the hospitality industry. Stable work history and demonstrated achievement in progressively more responsible positions in hotel food and beverage operations along with strong, supportive employment references. Knowledgeable of safe sanitary procedures and health codes, overall compliance of all health regulations for food preparation. Conducts training an employee's relating on employees relating to the F&B Operation. Proven ability to effectively build a team environment and makes decisions in a fast paced environment. Proficient with computer software applications. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Position: Night Auditor (1)
Qualifications: College diploma or equivalent certificate, in a hotel or resort. Must have at least two (2) years experience in hotel internal auditing. Must be willing to work flexible night duty/graveyard schedule, weekends, holidays and extended work hours. Understanding of business processes and work flow design. Strong financial analytical background and must be knowledgeable on Microsoft Office applications and other software are essential. Good communication and interpersonal skills are necessary. Also responsible in handling of company general funds. Ability to pay close attention to detail with a high degree of accuracy, adapt to changes in work environment, work as assignments and/or changes in priorities.

Position: Guest Relations Supervisor (3)
Qualifications: High School diploma or equivalent training in vocational schools, related on-the-job experience or an associate's degree in hospitality or hotel management. One to four years supervisory / managerial capacity, in a five-star hotel, club, or resort. Preferably some basic knowledge of the hotel industry. Must be able to supervise and coordinate the activities of guest relations workers to make sure that guests on vacation or business travel have a pleasant experience, while also ensuring that establishment is run efficiently and profitably. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Position: Guest Relations Agent (3)
Qualifications: High School diploma or equivalent, two (2) years experience in providing quality customer and personal service. This includes customer needs assessment, meeting quality standards for service and evaluation of customer satisfaction. Must be able to handle customer complaints with efficiency. Multitasking skills, detail oriented and effective problem solving are essential. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays and weekends and nights.

Position: Housekeeping Supervisor (5)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. A few months to one year of supervisory / managerial capacity, in a five-star hotel, club, or resort. Preferably some basic knowledge of the hotel industry. Must directly supervise and coordinate work activities of cleaning personnel in the hotel. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early mornings hours, holidays weekends and nights.

Position: Laundry Attendant (2)
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. 6 months to 1 year work experience as a laundry worker is preferred. Must be able to lift and push up to 30 pounds without any assistance. Must be able to stand on feet for long period of time. Must be able to work flexible schedule including weekends, nights and holidays.

Position: Housekeeping Cleaner (3)
Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent. Minimum of 6 months work experience in a hotel Is preferred. Able to speak and write English. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus . Good customer service skills are essential. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights. Must be able to lift and carry heavy objects.

Position: Demi Chef (3)
Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent, or post secondary instruction from vocational schools. Minimum four (4) years work experience as a Demi Chef preferably in hotel. Comprehensive knowledge of kitchen hygiene practices and occupational health and safety standards is essential. Supervise and coordinates activities of kitchen operation and personnel. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Position: Cooks (6)
Qualifications: Two (2) years experience as a cook in a high volume restaurant of hotel. Must have problem solving abilities, be self-motivated and organized. Must be able to work nights, weekends and holidays.

Position: Baker (1)
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. Some previous work-related skill, knowledge or experience preferably in a hotel. Must be able to work flexible schedule early morning hours, holidays, weekends & nights.

Position: Steward Supervisor (2)
Qualifications: Three (3) years experience in stewarding, one (1) year stewarding supervisor experience. Must be able to work long hours and handle pressure. Have strong knowledge on Health and procedure and implementation.

Position: Purchasing Supervisor (1)
Qualifications: College graduate, Bachelors Degree in Business Administration, major in accounting preferred. Minimum of three (3) progressive work experiences as a purchasing supervisor preferably in a hotel or fast-paced environment. Ability to make judgments regarding alternatives means of procuring material/ goods or services based on cost and serviceability's. Ability to pay close attention to details with a high degree of accuracy. Ability to adapt to changes in work environment, work assignments and/or changes in priorities. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and other software particularly SAP, R3, and FICO. Experience with inventories to include, but not limited to, Food and Beverage, Dry goods, and Housekeeping Cleaning & Guest Supplies is a requirement. Willing to work flexible schedule on occasion including weekends.

Position: Cost Accountant (1)
Qualifications: Generally responsible for ensuring that food and beverage costs are within hotel standards. Renders regular reporting of food and beverage costs to management. Calculates food cost to regular menu items and assist banquet department in costing special banquet menus. Witness/participates in the periodic physical inventory counts and reports to immediate supervisor for any major discrepancies. Bachelor's Degree in accounting, business or finance is preferred. Minimum of three (3) years work experience as cost accountant preferably in a hotel. Proficient in computer software applications particularly SAP, R3 and FICO. Able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays when required.

Position: Supervisor General Accountant (1)
Qualifications: Minimum five (5) years progressive supervisory experience over transaction processing systems and solid accounting background with a working knowledge of business process improvement and internal control compliance. PC literacy and good written / verbal presentation skill.

Position: Income Auditor (1)
Qualifications: Four (4) years progressive experience as an income auditor is required and preferably from a high volume hotel. AA or BA in either accounting or in the hospitality finance is preferred. Strong math and computer skills, particularly with spreadsheets; knowledgeable with accounting software in particular SAP, R3 and FICO are required. Must have an eye for detail; strong time management and organizational skills essential. Must be able to work under pressure and can work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays when required.

Position: Manager Accountant (1)
Qualifications: A minimum of Bachelor's degree with an emphasis in accounting, 5 years experience in the area of financial statement preparation, budgeting, payroll, purchasing, accounts payable, and accounts receivable or the equivalent. Experience working with an automated financial management system. Knowledgeable and ability in the use of a personal computer and software applications particularly SAP, R3, and FICO. Strong organizational and analytical skills and the ability to maintain detailed records; ability to work effectively under stressful conditions. Able to communicate both written and oral. Must be able to work a varied schedule including holidays and week-ends when required. The applicant must successfully complete a background check.

Position: Supervisor, Accounts Payable (1)
Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, major in accounting preferred or three (3) years work experience within the field and in a supervisory level is required and preferably from a high volume hotel operations. Responsible for coordinating and maintaining accounts payable from receipt of source documents to reconciliation of transactions to General Ledger. Proficient in SAP, Microsoft Office applications and other software. Must be able to work flexible schedule on occasions including weekends and holidays.

Position: Supervisor, Accounts Receivables (1)
Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, major in accounting, preferable or three (3) years work experience within the field and in supervisory level is required. Responsible for coordinating and maintaining accounts receivables from receipt of source documents to reconciliation of transactions to General Ledger. Ensures that accounts are kept on current status. Progressive experience in accounts receivable operations and preferably in a high volume hotel operations. Proficient in SAP, Microsoft Office applications and other software. Must be able to work flexible schedule on occasion including weekends and holidays.

Position: Chief Engineering (1)
Qualifications: Extensive experience with installing and troubleshooting electrical switches, operating boilers, and repairing appliances. Must have previous supervisory experience and over five (5) years experience as hotel chief engineer is required and preferably from a high volume.

Position: Mechanical Supervisor (1)
Qualifications: Most occupation in this zone require training in vocational schools, related on-the-job experience, or an associate's degree and four (4) years of mechanical engineering or related experience or any equivalent combination of experience and/or education from which comparable knowledge skills, abilities have been achieved. Must be willing to work a flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends or holidays.

Position: E-Service System Analyst (1)
Qualifications: Employees in these occupations usually needs several years of work-related experience, on-the-job training, and/or vocational training. Must have knowledge on computer software including applications and programming. Must be able to work independently or with very little supervision. Must have attention to detail. Able to work a flexible schedule including week-ends and holidays.

Position: Mason (1)
Qualifications: Knowledge of related tools, masonry techniques, equipment and materials. Skill in the construction, alteration, repair and maintenance of masonry structures and surfaces. Three (3) years masonry or bricklaying experience, or completion of a three (3) year federally approved technical training program in masonry or bricklaying; or any equivalent combination of experience and/or education from which comparable knowledge, skills and abilities have been achieved.

Position: Gardener (1)
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. Two (2) years work experience as groundskeeper or gardener. Must be able to work well with hands and with tools and machinery. Must have strong stamina such that work require much reaching, bending, lifting, and walking; most of working hours are outdoors. Must be able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

Position: Senior Supervisor, Food and Beverage (2)
Qualifications: Two (2) years progressive work experience in a large volume restaurant or hotel is preferred. Work experience must be at supervisory level. Excellent customer service, organizational and communicational skills are essential. Must be willing to work flexible hours including weekends and holidays.

Position: Food and Beverage Assistant (1)
Qualifications: Experience and responsibility in management level in food & beverage from a high volume restaurant or hotel. A strong customer and people skill is essential. Must be able to work under pressure and time constraints. Strong organizational and time management skills are necessary. Knowledgeable on sanitation and health regulation and implementation thereof. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early mornings, weekends, nights, and holidays.

Position: Restaurant Manager (1)
Qualifications: 2 years experience as restaurant manager is required and preferably from high volume restaurant or full service hotel. Strong communication, interpersonal and customer service skills are essential. Good problem solving and organizational skills are needed. Requires the ability to work under pressure and time constraints. Ability to speak Japanese, Korean or Mandarin Chinese is preferred. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, nights and holidays.

Position: Assistant Manager Rooms Division (1)
Qualifications: Years of training involving both on-the-job experience and informal training with experienced workers as an Asst. Rooms Division Manager is required and preferably from a high volume hotel. Excellent customer service and ability to communicate effectively with customers and management team. Proficient with hotel property management system and computer software applications are essential. Must have profound knowledge in room's management. Ability to speak and write in Japanese is preferred. Must be able to work flexible schedule including days, nights, weekends and holidays.

Position: Front Desk Manager (1)
Qualifications: Must have a minimum of three (3) years experience in Front Desk Management in a high volume hotel or full service hotel. Strong communications skills both written and verbal are necessary; demonstrated leadership abilities. Must have an energetic and dynamic personality and able to multitask. Must be proficient in computer software applications. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, and holidays.

Position: Director or Rooms (1)
Qualifications: 3 years progressive experience in a comparable position in a luxury hotel operation is required. In-depth knowledge of all aspects of Rooms Division operations; strong organizational and interpersonal skills. Must have the flexibility to meet the demands of a 24-hour operation and the ability to work comprehensively with spreadsheets and budgeting packages.

Position: Manager Information Technology (1)
Qualifications: Bachelors degree in computer science or equivalent education and experience. Knowledgeable of website technologies. 2 – 4 years progressive IT experience in management level including experience in multi-office environment. Demonstrated ability to lead a team of technical staff to work with the executive management of an organization and to manage multiple concurrent projects. Excellent communication skills. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, weekends, nights, and holidays.

Position: Director of Sales and Marketing (1)
Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree in Sales & Marketing or business preferred with a minimum of six (6) years related experience with progressive managerial experience. Demonstrated in-depth sales and marketing techniques and financial principles. Fluency in Japanese language is essential. Able to travel off island occasionally to attend sales meetings as necessary. Must be willing to work flexible schedule including holidays and weekends.

Position: Waiter / Waitress (16)
Qualifications: High school diploma / GED preferred. At least six (6) months serving experience required or six (6) months current hosting experience. Restaurant and Beverages experience preferred. Proven knowledge of Micros or equivalent computer software and cash check, credit card handling procedures required. Must be able to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, holidays, weekends and nights.

Position: Chef De Partie (1)
Qualifications: 2 years work experience as Chef de partie or 3 – 4 years as Demi Chef / Commis preferably from a high volume hotel or large restaurant with good standards. Qualification in kitchen production or management will be an advantage. Comprehensive knowledge of kitchen hygiene practices and occupational health and safety standards will be essential. Knowledge of basic computer skills in MS Office.

Executive Chef (1)
Qualifications: Responsible for all food purchase specifications and recipes including that used for restaurants, banquet functions and other outlets. Develop and monitor food and labor budget for the department. Interview, select, train, supervise, counsel and discipline all employees in the department. Maintain highest professional food quality and sanitation standards. 2 years previous experience as executive chef in a high volume hotel or large restaurant. Strong interpersonal , communication and organizational skills are essential.

Applications can be obtained at the Security Office at the Hotel's South Wing. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than June 6, 2016.
Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

Fiesta Resort & Spa, Saipan is an Equal Opportunity Employer
Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans, and Persons with Disabilities are urged to apply.

Job Vacancy Announcement

MUSICIAN

With five (5) years minimum experience as a professional musician. Must have the ability to sing, harmonize and play musical instruments, preferably Electric/Acoustic Guitar, as soloists or as a member of the band. Be able to perform several musical styles/music genre to various customers such as but not limited to Japanese, Korean & Chinese. An extensive experience in entertaining live audiences in Hotel lobbies, concert halls, and Casino is an advantage. Competent in the use of musical sequencer, synthesizers and PA systems. Experience as sound technician is an advantage.

Email resume to
PIAO INVESTMENT CORPORATION
(mapagahes@gmail.com)

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
WINCHELL'S DONUTS

1 vacancy for **Operations Manager**. Wage per hour depends on qualifications. Must be college level with at least 5 years of continued experience in managing a bakery or similar operations; must be capable of managing 15 or more people and more than one store; must be computer literate and possesses knowledge in operating cash register or POS system; must have an experience in handling the administrative and financial aspect of a business. Capability of conversing in basic Japanese or other foreign languages is highly preferred.

1 vacancy for **Store Manager**. Wage per hour depends on qualifications. Must be college level and has at least 2 years of continued experience in managing bakery operations; must have knowledge in operating cash register or POS system; must be customer-service oriented, computer literate and confident in doing basic mathematical skills. Capability of conversing in basic Japanese or other foreign languages is highly preferred.

4 vacancies for **Donut Makers/Bakers**. Wage ranges from $6.05/hr to $6.50/hr. Must be a high school graduate with a few months to 1 year experience in baking; must be able to read, write and speak basic English; must be capable of lifting at least 50lbs and has basic mathematical skills and knowledge in operating a cash register or POS system. Capability of conversing in basic Japanese and other foreign languages is highly preferred.

Additional requirements: All applicants must be of good health with good moral character. Must be able to follow grooming standards; provide current police/court clearance and health certificate. Must have reliable transportation and willing to undergo drug test.

Please email your resume to
jobapplicant2014@gmail.com or drop them to
Winchell's Garapan

Job Vacancy Announcement

Refrigerator and A/C Technician (1)
Must be a high school diploma with a minimum of five (5) years' experience. Must know how to Installs and repairs air conditioners, heaters and refrigerators in residences and businesses.
Monitor and fix various aspects of such household appliances with tools specific to the trade, and often need to install attachments, such as hoses or electrical wiring.

Building Maintenance Repairer (4)
Must be a high school diploma with a minimum of five (5) years' experience. Inspect, maintain, repair, and replace building mechanical and electrical systems. Know how to work and access control systems, building heating and refrigeration systems, fire detection and protection systems, and other building mechanical and electrical systems.

Commercial Cleaner (3)
Must be a high school diploma or vocational graduate with a minimum of three (3) years' experience. Able to clean offices, residential complexes, hospitals, schools, industrial work areas, industrial machines, construction sites and other commercial premises using heavy duty cleaning equipment.

The above positions must be able to work flexible time.
Interested applicants may e-mail their resume at ynadjoy@yahoo.com.
No phone calls.
Deadline to submit applications will be on Monday, May 30, 2016.

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Interested U.S. applicants, may email resume to edwardcalvo@gmail.com

HONG ELECTRIC ENTERPRISES, INC.

1 Computer Programmer - Sal $6.55/Hr Min 5 Yrs Exp.
1 General Manager - Salary depends on Qualification & Exp.

Send Resume to: hongeei@pticom.com

APEX BUILDERS, INC.
Job Opening:

Administrative Assistant (1) $6.55- $7.50/hr.
Must be a high school graduate or college level with 2-5 years experience as an administrative assistant. Knowledge of administrative and clerical procedures and systems such as word processing, managing files and records, stenography and transcription, designing forms, and other office procedures and terminology.Perform general office duties, such as ordering supplies, maintaining records management database systems, and performing basic bookkeeping work. Know how to drive vehicle.

Accounting Technician (2) $6.55-7.50/hr.
Must be B.S. Accounting graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience as an Accounting Technician. Must know how to prepare all CNMI taxes and licenses.Capable of performing combines routine calculations, posting and verifying duties to obtain primary financial data to maintain accounting records, filing or organize company documents.

Carpenter (5) minimum $6.55 -6.60/hr.
Must be a high school graduate with minimum 5 years experience as a Carpenter, With knowledge how to construct, erect, install, or repair structures and fixtures made of wood, such as concrete forms; building frameworks, including partitions, joists, studding, and rafters; and wood stairways, window and door frames, and hardwood floors.

Civil Engineering Technicians (1) $6.55-7.00/hour
Must be a college graduate with minimum of 2- years experience as a Civil Engineering Technician with knowledge how to apply Theory and Principles of Civil Engineering in planning, designing and overseeing construction, structure maintenance and facilities under the directions of engineering staff or physical scientists.

Construction Manager (1) $10.00-13.87/hour
Must be a college graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience as a Construction Manager. Know how to plan, direct or coordinate, usually through subordinate supervisory personnel, activities concerned with the construction and maintenance of structures, facilities, and systems.

Electrician (2) $6.55 - $7.15/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 2 years experience as Electrician. With knowledge on how to install, maintain, and repair electrical wiring, equipment, and fixtures. Able to install or service street lights, intercom systems, or electrical control systems.

Heavy Equipment Mechanic (1) $6.55 - $7.00/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 5 years experience as Heavy Equipment Mechanic. With knowledge how to diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul automobiles, hydraulic, and pneumatic equipment, such as cranes, bulldozers, graders, excavators, trucks and conveyors, typically used in constructions.

Heavy Equipment Operator (20) $6.55 - $7.00/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 2 years' experience as HE Operator. With knowledge how to operate several types of power construction equipment, such as motor graders, bulldozers, trenching machine, scrapers, compressors, pumps, derricks, shovels, tractors, or front-end loaders to excavate, move, and grade earth, erect structures, or pour concretes and etc.

Mason (1) minimum $6.55 -6.60/hr.
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 3 years experience as Mason. With knowledge how to do smooth and finish surfaces of poured concrete, such as floors, walks, sidewalks, roads, or curbs using a variety of hand and power tools. Align forms for sidewalks.

Truck Driver (1) $6.55 - $7.45/hour
Must be a high school graduate with minimum of 2-5 years experiences as a Truck Driver with knowledge on how to drive a Tractor Trailer or Trucks that has a capacity of at least 26,000 lbs. gross vehicle weight(GVW) for various construction materials transportation.

Interested applicants may apply at Apex Builder's Inc. office located at As Perdido, Saipan, CNMI. A copy of police clearance must be attached to the application. Incomplete application will NOT be accepted. Skills, testing maybe required.
Apex Builder's Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Run Date: May 26, 27, 30, 31 and June 01, 2016
Closing date will be on June 02, 2016.

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L&T Group of Companies, Ltd. is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

Management Accountant (2)
College degree with accounting or financial management major and 5 years of progressive financial management experience. Minimum of 3 years experience in analyzing, interpreting and providing sound financial information. Must be adept in monthly financial statement preparation and consolidation, cash flow forecasting, budgeting, and providing financial projections. Must have excellent communication, organizational and self-management skills. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) system and Microsoft Excel, Power Point and Project. CPA not required.

Building Cleaner (4)
High School Diploma or equivalent. Must have at least 3 years working experience. Dependable attendance, hard working and follows directions well. Important qualities: detailed oriented, responsible. Interpersonal skills. Must get along well with people they provide services for and must be polite and friendly. Physical stamina. Must be able to spend many hours on their feet scrubbing, bending, stooping, and stretching and must be able to lift or move up to 50 pounds. Must be able to work flexible hours and days.

Accountant (4)
Associate's Degree in Finance or Accounting with at least 3 years work related experience in financial management and/or payroll and general accounting procedures with emphasis on receivables and payable management. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system and MS Excel, Word and Power Point software. Must be able to work under time pressure and must work flexible hours. CPA not required.

Business Development Manager
Graduate of a 4-year degree course with an Accounting or Financial Management major and at least 5 years of progressive financial and business management experience. Minimum of 3 years general management experience preferably in a financing or banking institution. Excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills. Must be proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) software and Microsoft software. Should possess a solid track record of accomplishing business objectives.

Accounting Manager
College degree with financial management major and 5 years of progressive financial management experience. Minimum of 3 years experience in directing the preparation of financial reports and implementing cash management activities. Excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills to manage people. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) system and Microsoft software.

Accounting Supervisor
A Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a focus in accounting and/or finance. 2-3 years of progressive responsibility supervising a minimum of 3 associates. CPA/CPA candidate a plus. Audit experience also preferred. Must have knowledge with the use of SAP R3 FICO System and SAP Fixed Asset Module. Microsoft Office proficiency with advanced knowledge of Excel is a must.

Administrative Assistant (2)
Associate's Degree with 2 years experience of administrative and clerical procedures and systems such as word processing, managing files and records. Must be proficient in typing and good at written and oral communication. Must be able to consistently demonstrate good customer service and interpersonal skills at work. Must be available to work on weekends, holidays and weeknights. Proficient in MS Office including Word, Excel and Outlook.

Messenger (2)
High school graduate. Must be able to keep track of multiple documents and itemize. Dependable attendance, hard working and follows directions well. Good oral and written communication skills and good driving skills are required. Must provide and maintain own vehicle for work and have a valid driver's license. Must be available to work early mornings, late nights and weekends.

Administrative Assistant for Sports Facilities (3)
High school diploma or GED certificate plus 2 years experience working in sports organization or sports facilities. Training & coaching experience preferred but not required. Must be proficient in typing with good written and oral communication skills. Proficient in MS Office including Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook. Can work flexible hours and available on weekends, holidays and weeknights.

Air conditioning & Refrigeration Mechanic (3)
Associate's Degree or Vocational School graduate. Must have at least 2 years experience installing, servicing, and repairing air conditioning and refrigerating systems in residences and commercial establishments. Must have his/her own reliable transportation and must be able to work flexible hours.

HR & Administrative Assistant
Associate's Degree. Must have knowledge of principles and procedures for personnel recruitment, selection, benefits and personnel information systems. Knowledge of business and management principles involved in strategic planning, resource allocation, human resources modeling, leadership technique, production methods, and coordination of people and resources. Ability to work in confidential related matters, self-directed and be able to multi-task in a fast paced environment. With a minimum of 2 years work experience in human resource, administrative and accounting. Proficient in MS Office including Word, Excel and Outlook.

Vice President
Graduate of a 4-year degree course with a minimum of **10 years** of professional progressive management and at least **5 years** in general management experience in property management, hotel management, and tourism & cargo business experience for Korean Market. Proficient in English & Korean languages. Knowledge of lease negotiations plus financial and quality management is required. Must have a solid track record in accomplishing business objectives.

Electrician
High school diploma or GED certificate. Must have at least 2 years experience installing, maintaining, and/or repairing electrical wiring, equipment, and fixtures. Must have knowledge of electrical codes, intercom and electrical control systems. Must be able to work flexible hours.

General Maintenance Worker (10)
High school diploma or equivalent with at least 3 years experience especially in equipment and appliance repair. Must have some basic knowledge and troubleshooting experience in plumbing and electrical systems, masonry, carpentry, and other cleaning and general maintenance work inside and outside facilities. Must be able to lift and move heavy supplies and objects. Must be willing to work flexible hours.

Network Administration Manager
Associate's degree in any computer science, information engineering or other computer technology related areas. Must have at least 5 years of sound experience in local and wide area networks management and administration including system configuration, setup, troubleshooting, planning, designing, implementation, and user support. Must have knowledge in MS Exchange Email Server.

Engineering Manager
Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering with at least 5 years of progressive management experience. Ability to successfully develop, implement and manage projects including the ability to provide effective leadership is a must. Adeptness in cost estimation and knowledge of quality control and federal regulations in environmental and occupational safety hazards is required. The duties of this job require constant outside travel and exposure to outside weather conditions. Must be able to provide his/her own transportation and must have a valid driver's license.

Sales Officer
Associate's Degree in Sales or Marketing and at least 3 years work related experience are required. Must have his/her own reliable transportation. Must be able to meet monthly sales targets and have extensive contacts in various industries. Must be able to prepare management and sales reports and is proficient in various MS office software operations. Can work flexible hours. Must be available to work on weekends, holidays and weeknights.

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Associates degree and at least 2 years work related experience in a legal office. Proficient in case and document management software, Microsoft Office Word, Excel, Power Point and Outlook. Familiar in preparation and filing of pleadings and legal documents.

Corporate Paralegal Officer
Bachelor's degree in paralegal studies or in any related field. Minimum of 3 years experience providing sound legal research, reliable litigation support and preparation of legal documents, pleadings and contracts. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills. Familiarity with Lexis - Nexis and Pacer - ECF is required.

IT Manager
College degree with a major in computer science, computer technology or information engineering or other related areas is required. At least 5 years of progressive management experience and 8 years of sound and all-around IT technical experience is required. Must have well-developed written/oral and management skills and with a strong background in all IT hardware, software and communication business requirements.

Computer Technician
Associate's degree in any computer science, information technology or other related areas. Must have at least 3 years of sound experience in electronics and communication systems with emphasis on the repair of computer equipment and installation of telephone cables/systems. Must be knowledgeable in different software applications and in hardware troubleshooting. Must be able to work flexible hours.

Graphic Designer
Associate's degree in Fine Arts, Graphic Design or other related areas. Minimum of 3 years work experience in creating graphics to meet specific commercial or promotional needs. Proficiency in Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator and Adobe InDesign is a must. Strong organizational and self-management skills, including the ability to multi-task and prioritize are required. Can work flexible hours, depending on demand.

Programmer Analyst (2)
Associate's degree in computer science or computer programming and at least 3 years of work-related experience in a professional Microsoft Windows environment. Strong practical knowledge in relational databases management particularly in midrange RDMS environment such as SQL server. Knowledge in windows-based and web-based programming is a must.

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Thompson's 41 points save Golden State's season

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Stephen Curry turned things over to Klay Thompson, and his Splash Brother delivered.

And when Curry came on late, the Golden State Warriors were assured at least one more game in their record-setting season.

Thompson made a playoff-record 11 3-pointers and scored 41 points, and the defending champions forced a seventh game in the Western Conference finals with a 108-101 victory over the Oklahoma City Thunder on Saturday night.

Curry bounced back from a slow start to finish with 29 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists. The Warriors, who set the NBA regular-season record with 73 wins, will host Game 7 on Monday. They'll try to become the 10th team to overcome a 3-1 deficit and earn the right to play Cleveland in the NBA Finals.

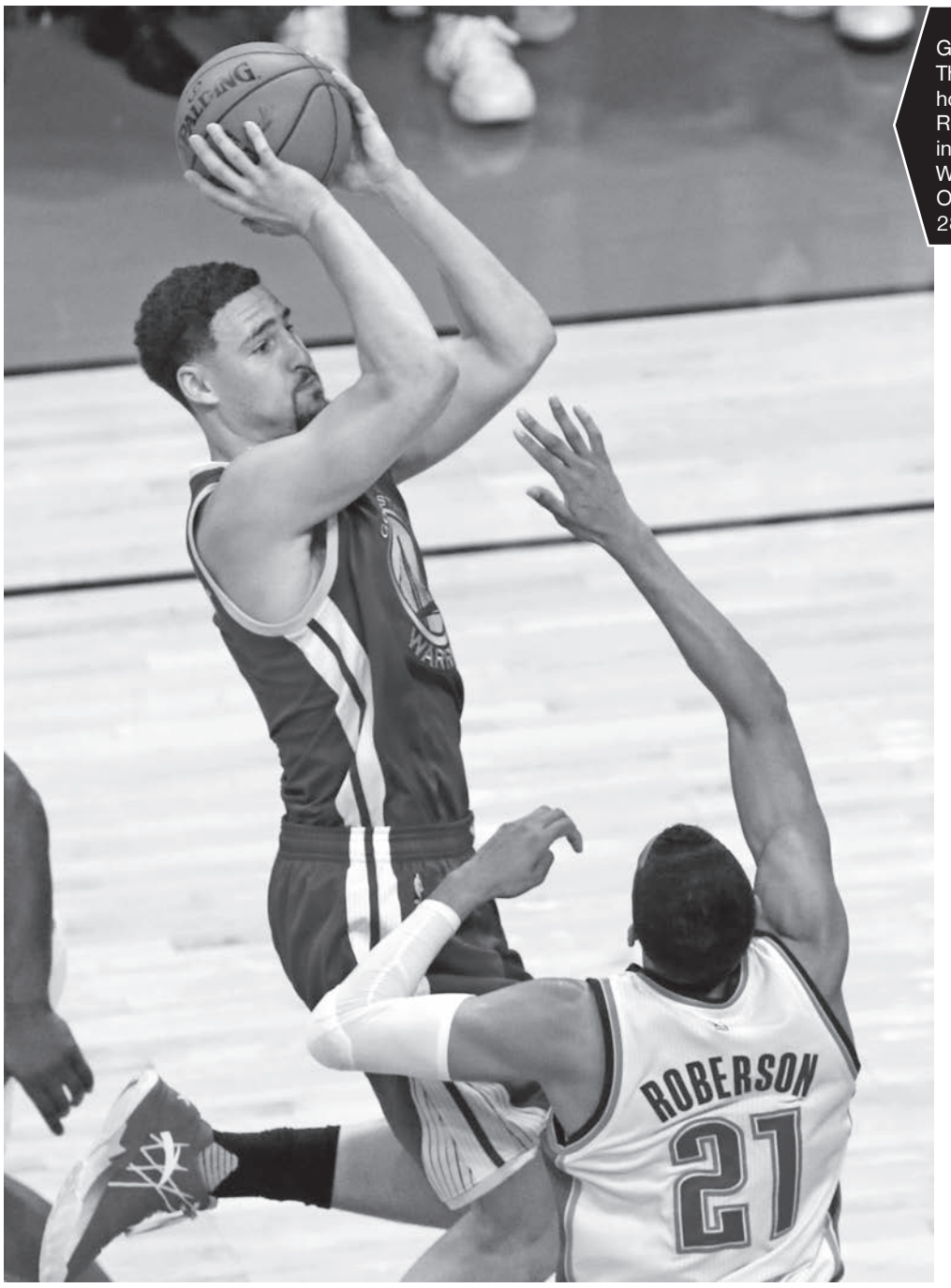
"We've got a lot of belief and a lot of heart, and we've given ourselves a chance to win this series," Curry said. "That's all we could ask for. There's obviously a lot of excitement, but we still have one job to do."

Thompson scored 19 points in the fourth quarter to help the Warriors overcome an eight-point deficit.

"Steph told me before I went out in the fourth, 'This is your time,'" Thompson said. "'You know, put on a show out there and have fun.' I took those words to heart, and I just tried to be aggressive."

Oklahoma City dominated Games 3 and 4 at home, but the Warriors made 21 of 44 3-pointers on Saturday, while Oklahoma City was 3 of 23.

Kevin Durant scored 29 points and Russell Westbrook added 28 for the Thunder. But Durant made just 10 of 31 shots and Westbrook was 10 of 27.



AP

Golden State Warriors guard Klay Thompson (11) shoots over Oklahoma City Thunder guard Andre Roberson (21) during the first half in Game 6 of the NBA basketball Western Conference Finals in Oklahoma City, Saturday, May 28, 2016.

The Thunder, who blew a number of fourth-quarter leads during the regular season but had been better in the playoffs, fell apart in the final minutes after Golden State had finally gone ahead for good. The Thunder committed six turnovers in the final 2:55, and Westbrook had three in the last 55 seconds. Westbrook had 11 assists and one turnover in the first three quarters and zero assists and four turnovers in the fourth.

"That really wasn't—hasn't been us in the last month and a half," Thunder coach Billy Donovan said. "I thought we got a little stagnant coming down the stretch."

Thompson's barrage was similar to Curry's performance in Oklahoma City during the regular season. Curry scored 46 points and tied and NBA record with 12 3-pointers to help the Warriors beat the Thunder in overtime.

Thompson kept the Warriors in it with four 3-pointers in just over seven minutes to start the fourth quarter. Curry then hit two 3s, the second of which tied the game at 99 with 2:47 to play.

Thompson's 3 with 1:35 remaining put the Warriors up 104-101.

Westbrook lost control of the ball, and after Thompson missed a 3, Westbrook turned the ball over again, leading to a layup by Curry. Westbrook turned it over one more time, and Golden State was in the clear.

"They switched everything and kind of closed the game up, and we missed some shots and they got hot from the 3," Durant said.

The Thunder led 23-20 after one quarter, then seized momentum early in the second. Steven Adams' powerful one-handed dunk on Warriors All-Star Draymond Green drew a roar from the crowd and gave Oklahoma City a 37-28 lead. Green, who had hit Adams in the groin area twice during the series, was a constant target for the vocal Thunder fans.

Thompson opened the second half with back-to-back 3-pointers to give the Warriors a 54-53 edge, but the Thunder closed the quarter strong and led 83-75 heading into the fourth.

The Warriors held the Thunder to 18 points in the fourth quarter to stay alive. They expect another tough battle in Game 7.

"To be in this situation—people were doubting us," Green said. "It will be the hardest game of our lives. It will be way harder than this game. Going back home, everybody will think, 'Oh, it's done.' It will be way harder. But if we come out and do what we did and stick to the game plan, we'll be fine."

Jets offer 3-year deal to Fitzpatrick

NEW YORK (AP)—The New York Jets have made an offer that Ryan Fitzpatrick—so far—has refused.

A person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press on Friday night that the Jets made a three-year offer to the quarterback in March that includes $12 million guaranteed in the first year.

That has remained on the table for Fitzpatrick, according to the person who spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because neither side is commenting publicly on the negotiations.

The New York Post first reported the terms of the offer, which is higher than the previously reported amounts that were closer to $7 million per year. However, total guarantees and contract structure of the Jets' standing offer are uncertain.

Jimmy Sexton, Fitzpatrick's agent, didn't immediately respond to an email seeking comment.

Fitzpatrick and the Jets have been locked in a contract stalemate all offseason. The 33-year-old quarterback is a free agent and coming off a season in which he threw a Jets-record 31 touchdown passes and led New York within a victory of the playoffs.

Both the Jets and Fitzpatrick have said they would like a reunion, but have unable to agree on a deal. Coach Todd Bowles has also said that Fitzpatrick would assume the starting job again when, and if, he returns.

"You're hopeful, I don't know about confident," Bowles said Wednesday. "A lot of things can happen in football. Nothing surprises you, but they're working on it and hopefully things work out."

Geno Smith has been working with the starting offense during organized team activities, and would likely be under center in Week 1 if Fitzpatrick doesn't return. The Jets also have Bryce Petty, a fourth-rounder last year, and Christian Hackenberg, a second-rounder this year.

Fitzpatrick was acquired by the Jets last offseason from Houston to serve as a backup to Smith. But after Smith's jaw was broken in training camp by then-teammate Ikemefuna Enemkpali, Fitzpatrick stepped in and never relinquished the starting job—even playing through a torn thumb ligament.

LeBron, Cavs confident, healthy as they return to NBA Finals

TORONTO (AP)—LeBron James isn't just going back to the NBA Finals. He's returning with a team that's healthy and whole, which makes this trip unlike last year.

Maybe it will lead to a different result.

James scored 33 points, Kevin Love had 20 points and 12 rebounds, and the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Toronto Raptors 113-87 in Game 6 of the Eastern Conference finals Friday night, winning the series 4-2.

Kyrie Irving had 30 points and J.R. Smith added 15 for the Cavaliers, who will face the winner of the Golden State-Oklahoma City series beginning Thursday.

Cleveland would open at home against the Thunder but would be on the road against the 73-win Warriors, who trail 3-2 against Oklahoma City heading into Saturday's Game 6.

Last year, a depleted Cavs team lost in six games to the Warriors, left to wonder whether things would have worked out differently if Love (left shoulder) and Irving (left knee) had been at full strength.

That's not a concern this time around.

"There's definitely a different feeling," said James, who was emotional during his postgame interview on the court.

"I didn't appreciate last year, myself personally, getting to the finals. So much was going on in my mind, knowing that Kev was out for the rest of the season and knowing that Ky was dealing with injuries all the way from the first round. Having these guys right here at full strength, having our team at full strength and the way I feel personally, I appreciate this moment, to be able to be a part of it and be there once again."

Irving, who had battled knee injuries during his first postseason before breaking his kneecap late in Game 1 of last year's finals, said he's thankful for the opportunity to be a contributor this time around.

"It just didn't feel the same hobbling into the locker room, knowing that we were going to the finals but I wasn't at full strength and Kev was out," Irving said, recalling the Cavs' East-clinching victory last year. "Thinking about the steps it took to get back to where we are now, I really have a true appreciation for these guys, my teammates and just a true appreciation of the journey."

Love and Irving struggled as the Cavs stumbled in Games 3 and 4 against Toronto, their only losses in 14 games this postseason. Both were back in form for runaway wins in Games 5 and 6.

"We wouldn't be at this point today, going to the finals, without those two," James said. "Throughout the first three rounds, they've been the reason we've played at such a high level. They've accepted the challenge. They wanted to get back to this moment."

James will be playing in his sixth consecutive finals, four of them with Miami. This time, however, he's got perhaps his best shot to end Cleveland's 52-year championship drought, the longest by any city with at least three professional teams. No Cleveland team has won it all since the Browns blanked Baltimore 27-0 to win the NFL championship in 1964.

Serena survives; Djokovic eases away to 4th round

AP
Serbia's Novak Djokovic returns in the third round match of the French Open tennis tournament against Britain's Aljaz Bedene at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, France, Saturday, May 28, 2016.

PARIS (AP)—Serena Williams was ahead, yes, but hardly at her best, when claps of thunder and a heavy downpour interrupted her third-round French Open match at a critical juncture.

So during what turned out to be a delay of more than 2½ hours right before a second-set tiebreaker Saturday against 26th-seeded Kristina Mladenovic of France, Williams met with coach Patrick Mouratoglou.

"I spoke 10 minutes, which is far too long. Actually, at the end, I said: 'Sorry. I spoke too long. Much too long.' Because a long speech is not a good speech; it has to be short and powerful," Mouratoglou recounted later. "My point was just to make her think the way she thinks when she's good, when she's playing like Serena plays."

Did it work?

"Just look at the score," Mouratoglou said, "and, more than that, look at the way she did it."

Coming out of the locker room determined to dictate play more than she had been, Williams edged Mladenovic 6-4, 7-6 (10), a victory that set up a fourth-round matchup against a woman whose coaching consultant is the 34-year-old American's former rival, Justine Henin.

"Up until that point, I had not been playing my game. I was playing really defensive. It's not me," said the top-seeded Williams, who compiled a 5-2 advantage in winners in the tiebreaker. "So I just wanted to be Serena out there."

Her sister Venus, seeded No. 9, beat France's Alize Cornet 7-6 (5), 1-6, 6-0 to reach the fourth round for the first time since 2010. And another American, No. 15 Madison Keys, got that far at Roland Garros for the first time with a 7-6 (3), 6-3 victory over Monica Puig.

Quarterfinal berths will be at stake in these matchups Monday: Venus vs. No. 8 Timea Bacsinszky, Keys vs. Kiki Bertens, No. 12 Carla Suarez Navarro vs. Yulia Putintseva.

Next up for Serena Williams is No. 18 Elina Svitolina of Ukraine, who was 0-7 against Ana Ivanovic before beating the 2008 French Open champion 6-4, 6-4.

Svitolina, 21 and the winner of the girls' title in Paris in 2010, is 0-3 against Williams. But the far more fascinating storyline involves Henin, a seven-time major champion whose playing career ended in 2011 and who has been helping Svitolina with the mental aspects of tennis for the past few months.

Williams and Henin played each other 14 times (Williams won eight, including the 2010 Australian Open final). Their most infamous encounter came at the 2003 French Open: There was a flap over whether Henin tried to call time; Williams drew fans' ire by arguing line calls; Henin's three-set victory ended a 33-match Grand Slam winning streak for Williams, who was jeered off the court, then teared up while talking about it all.

On Saturday, Williams deflected a question about what it might be like to see Henin in a foe's camp all these years later.

Trying to become the first woman to win consecutive titles at Roland Garros since Henin took three in a row from 2005-07, Williams knows she will have to do a better job of capitalizing on chances than she did against Mladenovic, 23, who called it a dream to finally get to play against someone she grew up watching on TV.

Williams went only 1 for 12 on break points and needed five - yes, five - match points in the tiebreaker to close things out, erasing a set point for Mladenovic along the way.

"Barely getting through that—I had opportunities to end it a lot sooner," Williams said, "and I didn't."

In men's action, No. 1 Novak Djokovic finished his 6-2, 6-3, 6-3 victory over Aljaz Bedene just before nightfall, while No. 6 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga quit after seven games against Ernests Gulbis because of an injured right leg. Other winners: No. 7 Tomas Berdych, No. 11 David Ferrer, No. 12 David Goffin, No. 13 Dominic Thiem and No. 14 Roberto Bautista Agut.

Thiem, 22, got past Alexander Zverev 6-7 (4), 6-3, 6-3, 6-3 to close in on his first Grand Slam quarterfinal.

While the draw set up a potential fourth-round match for Thiem against Rafael Nadal, the nine-time French Open champion's withdrawal Friday because of an injured left wrist means that a far less daunting opponent awaits.

Instead, Thiem faces 56th-ranked Marcel Granollers, who never has reached a major quarterfinal, either.

"Against Rafa, I'm the underdog," Thiem acknowledged. "Against Granollers, I'm probably the favorite."

Utley answers with slam, solo HR as Dodgers rout Mets

NEW YORK (AP)—Chase Utley hit a grand slam and a solo homer after Noah Syndergaard threw a 99 mph fastball behind his back, and Los Angeles went deep a season-high five times in routing New York, 9-1, on Saturday.

In a scene that seemed inevitable since October, Syndergaard was immediately ejected following the third-inning pitch—almost certainly his shot at retaliation against Utley for the late takeout slide that broke the right leg of then-Mets shortstop Ruben Tejada in last year's playoffs.

Plate umpire Adam Hamari tossed Syndergaard, sending Mets manager Terry Collins into a rage and his own ejection, but no trouble ensued between the teams.

Royals 8, White Sox 7

In Kansas City, Brett Eibner capped Kansas City's seven-run ninth inning with a game-ending RBI single, lifting the Royals to a stunning 8-7 victory over the Chicago White Sox.

Jarrod Dyson was walked intentionally before Eibner drove a full-count pitch from Tommy Kahnle (0-1) off first baseman Jose Abreu and into right field. Drew Butera, who replaced Salvador Perez after the All-Star catcher got hurt in a collision, scampered home as Eibner was mobbed by his jubilant teammates near first.

Cardinals 9, Nationals 4

In Washington, Adam Wainwright pitched seven gritty innings and made an ample contribution at the plate, hitting a two-run double to help St. Louis defeat Washington.

Matt Holliday homered for the Cardinals, who took control with a four-run second inning highlighted by Wainwright's fifth extra-base hit of the season.

Rangers 5, Pirates 2

In Arlington, Yu Darvish struck out seven in five strong innings in his first start in the majors in almost 22 months, and Texas beat Pittsburgh.

The Japanese right-hander allowed three singles with a walk in his return from last year's Tommy John surgery, ending Pittsburgh's five-game winning streak.

Giants 10, Rockies 5

In Denver, Buster Posey hit a pair of three-run homers, including a tiebreaking drive as part of a six-run eighth inning, and San Francisco rallied for the win.

The Rockies were limited to one run over six innings by Madison Bumgarner, but broke out in the seventh against five relievers for a 5-4 lead.

Blue Jays 10, Red Sox 9

In Toronto, Devon Travis drove in Russell Martin with a game-ending RBI single, helping Toronto rally for the win.

David Ortiz hit a tiebreaking homer for the Red Sox in the ninth, but the Blue Jays responded with two runs in the bottom half.

Rays 9, Yankees 5

In St. Petersburg, Evan Longoria homered and drove in four runs, powering Tampa Bay to the victory.

Longoria had a sacrifice fly during a three-run first, boosted the lead to 5-0 with a two-run homer in the second.

Reds 7, Brewers 6

In Milwaukee, Joey Votto scored the go-ahead run in the ninth after an inning-ending double play was overturned, and Cincinnati snapped its 11-game losing streak.

Blake Wood (4-1) tossed two scoreless innings for the win.

Cubs 4, Phillies 1

In Chicago, Kyle Hendricks pitched a five-hitter for his second career complete game, leading the Cubs to their fourth straight win.

Hendricks (3-4) struck out seven and walked none. He was in line for his second career shutout before giving up a run in the ninth.

Athletics 12, Tigers 3

In Oakland, Billy Butler, Khris Davis and Danny Valencia homered, and Oakland stopped a three-game losing streak.

Coco Crisp and Jake Smolinski each drove in two runs as the A's reached double figures in scoring for the first time this season.

Indians 11, Orioles 4

In Cleveland, Yan Gomes drove in three runs and Danny Salazar allowed two runs in six innings, leading the Indians to the victory.

Gomes' two-run single highlighted a four-run first, and he added an RBI single in the fifth. Mike Napoli drove in two runs for the Indians.

Braves 7, Marlins 2

In Atlanta, Gordon Beckham hit a three-run homer, Nick Markakis drove in two runs and Atlanta secured its first home series win of the season.

The Braves improved to a still-dismal 4-20 at Turner Field by winning the first two games of the three-game set.

Astros 4, Angels 2

In Anaheim, Cy Young Award winner Dallas Keuchel pitched seven innings to snap a personal five-game losing streak and Jason Castro hit a go-ahead two-run homer to lift the Houston Astros over the Los Angeles Angels.

Keuchel (3-6) retired the final 18 batters he faced. He had not won a game since April 15 and entered this one with a 5.92 ERA.

Twins 6, Mariners 5

In Seattle, Miguel Sano hit a two-run homer in the first inning and drove in the go-ahead run with an RBI single in the seventh and the Minnesota Twins won their third straight.

Ryan Pressly (2-3) won in relief, while Nick Vincent (2-2) took the loss.

Diamondbacks 8, Padres 7

In Phoenix, Paul Goldschmidt homered during a five-run second inning, Michael Bourn had three hits and the Arizona Diamondbacks beat the San Diego Padres to end a four-game skid.

Real Madrid wins Champions League in penalty shootout

MILAN (AP)—Cristiano Ronaldo did it again for Real Madrid, stepping forward to score a penalty and inflict another devastating loss in a Champions League final on rival Atletico Madrid.

For the second time in three finals, the biggest game in club soccer ended with Ronaldo sealing victory, then ripping off his shirt to show off his muscled torso to adoring fans.

Ronaldo's decisive spot kick in the shootout gave Real Madrid a 5-3 victory on penalties, following a 1-1 draw after extra time in Saturday's final.

Two years ago, the Portuguese superstar's penalty had sealed a 4-1 extra-time win over Atletico and prompted the first of his provocative celebrations.

AP

Real Madrid players celebrate with the trophy after winning the Champions League final soccer match between Real Madrid and Atletico Madrid at the San Siro stadium in Milan, Italy, Saturday, May 28, 2016. Real Madrid won, 5-4, on penalties as the match ended 1-1 after extra time.

"I knew I was going to score the winning penalty. I was confident," said Ronaldo, who won his third Champions League title. "I asked (coach Zinedine) Zidane to let me take the last penalty."

Rising to the dramatic moment after a quiet game for him, Ronaldo sent goalkeeper Jan Oblak the wrong way seconds after Atletico defender Juanfran had struck a post with his team's fourth kick.

Real Madrid got its record-extending 11th European title and left Atletico with a bitter third loss in the continent's biggest game. In its two previous finals, Atletico gave up last-minute equalizing goals.

"I don't believe in injustices," Atletico coach Diego Simeone said in Spanish. "In football, the team that wins deserves to win. They were better during the shootout."

Simeone said he will consider his future at Atletico, where the combative Argentine has coached for five years.

Zidane has coached for less than five months, yet is already just the seventh man to both coach and play for champion teams in the competition's 61-year history. The France great, who scored the winning goal for Madrid in the 2002 final, joins an elite group that includes Johan Cruyff and Pep Guardiola.

"It's the team of my life. It's the club that has made me the biggest in everything," Zidane said in Spanish. He lost two finals playing for Juventus, including in 1998 against Madrid.

Just like the 2014 final, a Madrid derby finished 1-1 after 90 minutes. This time, it was Real Madrid instead of Atletico that conceded a late equalizer.

Real Madrid captain Sergio Ramos, who struck in stoppage time two years ago, showed a forward's hunger to score in the 15th minute by forcing the ball past Oblak from close range.

Wright-Phillips' hat trick leads Red Bulls past Toronto FC

HARRISON, N.J. (AP)—Bradley Wright-Phillips had his first hat trick since 2014 -- when he had three—and the New York Red Bulls beat Toronto FC 3-0 on Saturday night.

Wright-Phillips scored in the fourth, 25th and 27th minutes for the fastest hat trick in MLS history. He has eight goals in the last seven game -- the Red Bulls are 5-1-1 in that span—after going scoreless in the first seven.

New York (6-7-1) played a man down after Gonzalo Veron was shown a red card in the 43rd.

Wright-Phillips opened the scoring with a header, off the feed from Sacha Kljestan, from the center of the box. Kljestan again found Wright-Phillips, who froze the defender and went near post, to make it 2-0 before finding the back of the net from the corner of the 6-yard box. Kljestan lead MLS with 10 assists.

Toronto (4-5-4) is winless in its last four matches.

Unions 1, Rapids 1

In Commerce City, Brian Carroll tied it in 92nd minute and Philadelphia escaped with a draw with Colorado in a showdown of the Western and Eastern conference leaders.

Carroll ran underneath Fabian Herbers' high-arching header and slotted the finish under goalkeeper Zac MacMath from close range.

The Union (5-3-5) responded only 5 minutes after the Rapids (8-2-4) opened the scoring on Sam Cronin's header in the 87th minute. Cronin made a deep run to connect with Marlon Hairston's cross from the right flank, redirecting it into the far corner of the goal.

The Union extended their unbeaten streak to seven, while the Rapids stayed unbeaten in their nine home games this season.

Impact 3, Galaxy 2

In Montreal, Didier Drogba scored on a free kick in stoppage time to lift Montreal past Los Angeles.

In the dying seconds of stoppage time, Drogba scored from 30 yards out. Galaxy goalkeeper Brian Rowe missed a punch attempt and the ball spun into the back of the net.

Ignacio Piatti and Lucas Ontivero also scored to help Montreal (5-4-4) end a six-game winless streak.

Giovani dos Santos and Mike Magee scored for the Galaxy (5-2-5) in their first loss in 10 matches.

Revolution 2, Sounders 1

In Foxoboro, Lee Nguyen scored on a penalty kick and assisted on Femi Hollinger-Janzen's go-ahead goal in New England's victory over Seattle.

Nguyen tied it in the 24th minute after the referee ruled that defender Erik Friberg handled the ball inside the penalty area. Nguyen has a goal and an assist in each of the last three matches.

Hollinger-Janzen, who entered the game in the 76th minute, went to the far post from outside the box to give the Revolution (3-4-7) the lead about 4 minutes later.

Aaron Kovar scored for Seattle (4-7-1) in the seventh. It was his first professional goal.

MJD

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finished ahead of IT&E (5-2), T Galleria (5-2), NMSA Spartans (4-3), Department of Public Safety (4-3), Commonwealth Ports Authority (3-4), BECQ (1-6), and Docomo 1 (0-7). PIC, on the other hand, lorded it over against DFEMS (5-2), Best Sunshine International (4-3), Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. (4-3), Customs (3-4), GPPC (3-4), Feds (2-5), and Docomo 2 (0-7).

All teams advanced to the playoffs, which will implement a single-elimination crossover format.

With this rule, the top-ranked MJD will take on Pool B last finisher Docomo 2 in the first playoff match tonight at 6:30pm. PIC will also start its playoff campaign tonight when it duels Pool A last placer Docomo 1 at 8:30pm.

MJD and Docomo 2 are on the west side of the bracket, which will have three other pairings. The list includes NMSA versus Customs (June 6), IT&E over Feds (June 1), and T Galleria against GPPC (June 3). The two remaining teams on the west bracket will battle for one of the two finals berth.

On the east side, the three other first round matches are as follows: CHCC vs DPS (June 6), DFEMS vs BECQ (June 1), and Best Sunshine vs CPA (June 3).

The finals between the winners of the west and east brackets will be played on June 15 at 7pm.

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in the youth division's 100m, 200m, long jump, and javelin, while Horey will do the 100m and 200m, and long jump, too, along with the 400m run. Pinyarat will compete only in running events—100m, 200m, and 400m.

Kaga, the younger member of the team at 13, will take on longer distance courses—800m, 1,500m, and 3,000m.

The two other student-athletes—Castillo and Cristobal—will be the CNMI's bets in the 100m, 200m, relays, and long jump, and 400m, 800m, 1,500m, respectively. Cristobal is also doing the youth division's long jump contest.

Ngrichongor will race in the 200m, 400m, and relay runs, and the 400m hurdles, while Joab and Rangamar are entered in shutput and discus. Gross will join Joab and Rangamar in the two throwing events and will add javelin to his list. Jones will participate in the javelin throw, too, to go with his bid in the 100m and 200m runs.

The members of the team have limited preparations at the track, as the Oleai Sports Complex track and field facility has yet to undergo resurfacing. However, Northern Marianas Athletics official Elias Rangamar said the athletes did the best they could under the tough training condition and he is confident the squad will produce good results in Pohnpei.

"The team's training was not ideal, with the conditions of the field and its availability but as usual we just have to adapt to the conditions. As far as the team's preparation, it's been tough as well, with most of our coaches and participants being part of the Public School System, we had to juggle our training schedule because of extra-curricular activities (i.e. test, graduation practices etc.) happening as they near the end of school year," Rangamar said.

"But, we have some proven veteran athletes that will do well in their favored events. At the same, we have middle and high school student athletes that will participating in their first ever off-island competition. They all were medalists during the PSS / McDonald's All Schools tournament earlier this month. I really can't predict how well we'll perform as we don't know our competitors as no listings or results from our Micronesian neighbors have been published to gauge our competition. But I am confident though that they'll do well, with the time they've put into practice," the NMA official added.

The CNMI athletes will be up against host Pohnpei, Chuuk, Yap, and Kosrae, Guam, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, and Palau.

After the competition in Pohnpei and once the track resurfacing is done, NMA is hoping to hone the skills of the young athletes competing in MAC and discover new talents.

"Our program is at a crossroads right now, as a lot of our seasoned athletes have moved on to school, military, and family life. With the resurfacing of the track facility at the Oleai sports complex, we hope to start a new group of athletes to regain the winning culture we've been accustomed too through the years," Rangamar said.

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Enforcers as the Falcons made the necessary stops in the last two innings to preserve the shaky lead and escape with the tough win. The Falcons stranded Enforcers runners at third and second base after Camacho ended his 5.4 inning shift by fanning out Nygal Pangelinan for the second out. The Enforcers were called for the first out after leadoff batter Cabrera was beaten to third base. With two outs and Ignacio Mendiola at third and Daren Taitingfong at second, the Falcons wrapped up the top of the sixth with Iguel catching a fly ball from Achas.

The Enforcers also bungled a chance to make it home and tied the game at the top of the seventh and last inning when their first two batters went down on 6-3 and 4-3 putout plays. Evangelista, who played shortstop for the Falcons, teamed up with first baseman Zack Reyes in game-winning putout play on Maratita, leaving third batter J.P. Celis stranded at second.

The Falcons had to play an extra game against the Enforcers as the former were stunned by the Braves, 8-7, in the final regular season game last Saturday. The Falcons and the Enforcers ended up with similar 9-3 marks after the four-round robin preliminary.

The Braves denied the Falcons' outright claim to the pennant, thanks to Jordan Babauta's go-ahead run at the top of the seventh and Joe Tudela's solid defense at the bottom. Babauta was the second batter in the penultimate inning, made a single, and advanced to second off a balk before heading all the way home off the Falcons' booboo at second base. Tudela, on the other hand, picked up two short shots from leadoff batter Arby Yaguel and Max Pangelinan and threw to first base for two of the three quick outs. The second out was committed by Camacho, who hit a fly that was caught by Tudela.

2016 IT&E Northern Marianas Juniors Championships

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The Philippines' Benjaminjacob Martin makes a backhand return to Hong Kong's Matthew Yee during their qualifying game in the 2016 IT&E Northern Marianas Juniors Championships held this month at the Pacific Islands Club.

Hong Kong's Matthew Yee returns to the Philippines' Benjaminjacob Martin.

Palau's Ayana Rengiil bends for a return, while teammate Carol Lee of the CNMI waits for the next play.

The Philippines' Jerome Romualdez smashes the ball, while teammate Alester Magalit of Hong Kong gets ready for the next play during their doubles game against Japan's Tsubasa Kaito and Yukuse Miyai.

Japan's Yusuke Miyai watches his service, while teammate Tsubasa Kaito waits for a return near the net during their doubles match versus the Philippines' Jerome Romualdez and Hong Kong's Alester Magalit.

Japan's Yuna Ukita goes for a baseline return to the CNMI's Carol Lee during their girls singles opening round match.

Japan's Fumiya Yoshino receives a low shot, while teammate Taiyo Hirano looks on during their doubles match over compatriot Ryuki Matsuda and South Korea's Yohan Sung.

The CNMI's Carol Lee, right, exchanges high-fives with Ayana Rengiil after scoring a point against their Japanese opponents.

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Young guns join veterans in MAC

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The CNMI athletics team competing in the 2016 Micronesian Athletics Championships in Pohnpei has a mix of youth and veteran athletes.

Graduating high school student Zarinae Sapong leads the CNMI's young guns and will be joined in the regional championships by fellow student-athletes Conatsu Kaga, Jerald Castillo, Leowell Cristobal, Shankweiler Pinyarat, Bernadette Horey, and Chloe Salvosa. Completing the squad are veterans Ben Jones Jr. Nick Gross, Sylvan Rangamar, Daniel Joab, and Beo Ngrichongor and team officials Ronald Olopai (coach) and Reylynn Sapong. The group is scheduled to leave early this morning for Pohnpei, which will host the competition from June 2 to 4.

The student-athletes, except from Zarinae, will be competing in the youth division. Zarinae is entered in the open category along with the veteran members of the team.

The Marianas High School student will race in the 100m and 200m runs and will join fellow Dolphins Pinyarat, Horey, and Salvosa in the 4x100m and 4x400m relays. Salvosa will also participate

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The CNMI athletics team members are joined by Northern Marianas Athletics president Ray Tebuteb, fifth front row, for a group photo before they leave for Pohnpei to compete in the 2016 Micronesian Athletics Championships.

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Falcons take Junior League pennant

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A Falcons' runner dives safely to first base, beating the Enforcers' Ignacio Mendiola during the bottom of the third inning of their tiebreak game for the pennant in the Junior League division of the SLLB yesterday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

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The Falcons clinched the pennant in the Junior League division of the 2016 Saipan Little League Baseball after nosing out the Kagman Enforcers, 4-3, in a rubber match yesterday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Spencer Dickinson went only 1-for-4 at the plate in the tiebreaker, but his lone hit—a two-RBI single—gave the Falcons enough cushion to pull off the close victory. Dickinson came up with a single at the deep right field and brought home I.J. Teigita and Angel Iguel at the bottom of the third inning. Aven Evangelista added one more run off Gloyd Martin's error at home plate to lift the Falcons to a 4-1 advantage.

The Falcons scored their first run at the bottom of the second inning with starting pitcher Tyrese Camacho making it home off Pedro Maratita's passed ball. The Enforcers, on the other hand, lit up the board first in the opening inning, thanks to Maratita's single that brought Martin in.

The Enforcers then failed to reach home in the next two frames as they were called for 1-2-3 inning in the second with Camacho striking out the first two batters and the third going down on a 6-3 play. Camacho added another strikeout in the third were the Enforcers were also done after only three batters.

A Dennis Cabrera run in the fourth inning off the Falcons' error at center field, followed by Chris Achas' run from another defensive lapse from the eventual pennant champs in the fifth moved the Enforcers within one, 3-4.

However, that was it for the

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MJD, PIC gain top seeding in gov't/business caging

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MJD Enterprises and Pacific Islands Club went undefeated in the regular season of the 2016 IT&E Inter-Government/Business Basketball League to earn the top seeding in the playoff round which will begin tonight at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

MJD led Pool A of the 16-team field with its 7-0 record, while PIC got the same perfect mark in Pool B. MJD

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IT&E's Manolo Manalo, left, and Shane Deleon Guerrero watch MJD Enterprises' Matt Duenas goes up for an easy shot during their regular season game in the intergov't/business league at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. MJD and IT&E finished in the Top 2 in Pool A of the 16-team league.